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GPS system led to jail

Wilmington Police nab suspected thieves

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WILMINGTON/WOBURN - Wilmington police arrested two young men last Thursday with three stolen GPS systems in their possession. The two-day stealing spree in Wilmington and Woburn came to end with some interdepartmental cooperation.

Daniel Mulcahey and

Brandon Daigle, both 23 and both of Burlington, were arrested on Thursday when a sharp Wilmington police officer noticed their car entering Wilmington on Route 62, according to Wilmington Police Lt. Christopher Neville.

Woburn police received a report of a car that had been burglarized, resulting in the

theft of a portable GPS system, while parked in a commercial area of town. The report included a description of the vehicle the alleged thieves used to flee the scene. Woburn sent out a broadcast to neighboring communities with the description of the vehicle Thursday morning. About an hour later,

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Town Report takes top honors

MMA recognizes Wilmington with 1st place

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - For the third time in four years, the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) has honored Wilmington with first place in its Annual Town Report Contest.

Geoffrey Beckwith, Executive Director of the MMA, states in a letter to Wilmington, "Town reports serve to communicate important information to town residents, and to promote an understanding of and involvement in local government. The MMA applauds your efforts in making this publication an effective tool for your community."

Wilmington, once again, took top honors in Category One, which includes all municipalities in the Commonwealth having a population of 12,500 or more. The towns of Arlington and Brookline were ranked second place and third place respectively.

MMA will present the award certificates during its Award Ceremony on Saturday, January 12, 2008, as part of its Annual Meeting and Trade Show at the Hynes Convention Center and Boston Sheraton Hotel.

Town Manager Michael Caira recognized the outstanding efforts of all the Town employees who contributed to the Annual Report.

"A debt of gratitude goes out to all who participated in the formulation of this important production," Caira stated in an internal memorandum to the Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen. "A special commendation is extended to members of the Town Manager's staff who under the expert guidance of Beverly Dalton spent untold hours in the production of this report."

Information for the Annual Town Report is gathered in January each year, and is assembled, proofread, and ready for the printer by early March.

"A lot of people don't realize how much work goes into it every year," said Beverly Dalton, Administrative Assistant for the Town of Wilmington. "We take pride in it, and it is nice to be recognized."

Caira is quick to highlight the fact that Wilmington, unlike many other communities, produces the Annual Report without the benefit of outside professional assistance, providing a camera-ready document to the printer each year.

Caira considers the town's yearly production of a municipal calendar to be no small factor in the MMA's judging. The calendar lists the dates of the various town board meetings, special events, dates of leaf pick-ups, and other information important to residents. Very few, if any, other Massachusetts municipalities create such a calendar.

"I believe that the Municipal Calendar that we produce as a companion piece to the Town Reports is unique," Caira said. "They catch the eye of the residents and of the judges."

Residents have reason to take pride in the formation of the document as well, says Caira. The vast majority of photographs appearing in the municipal calendar and the Annual Report are submitted by residents.

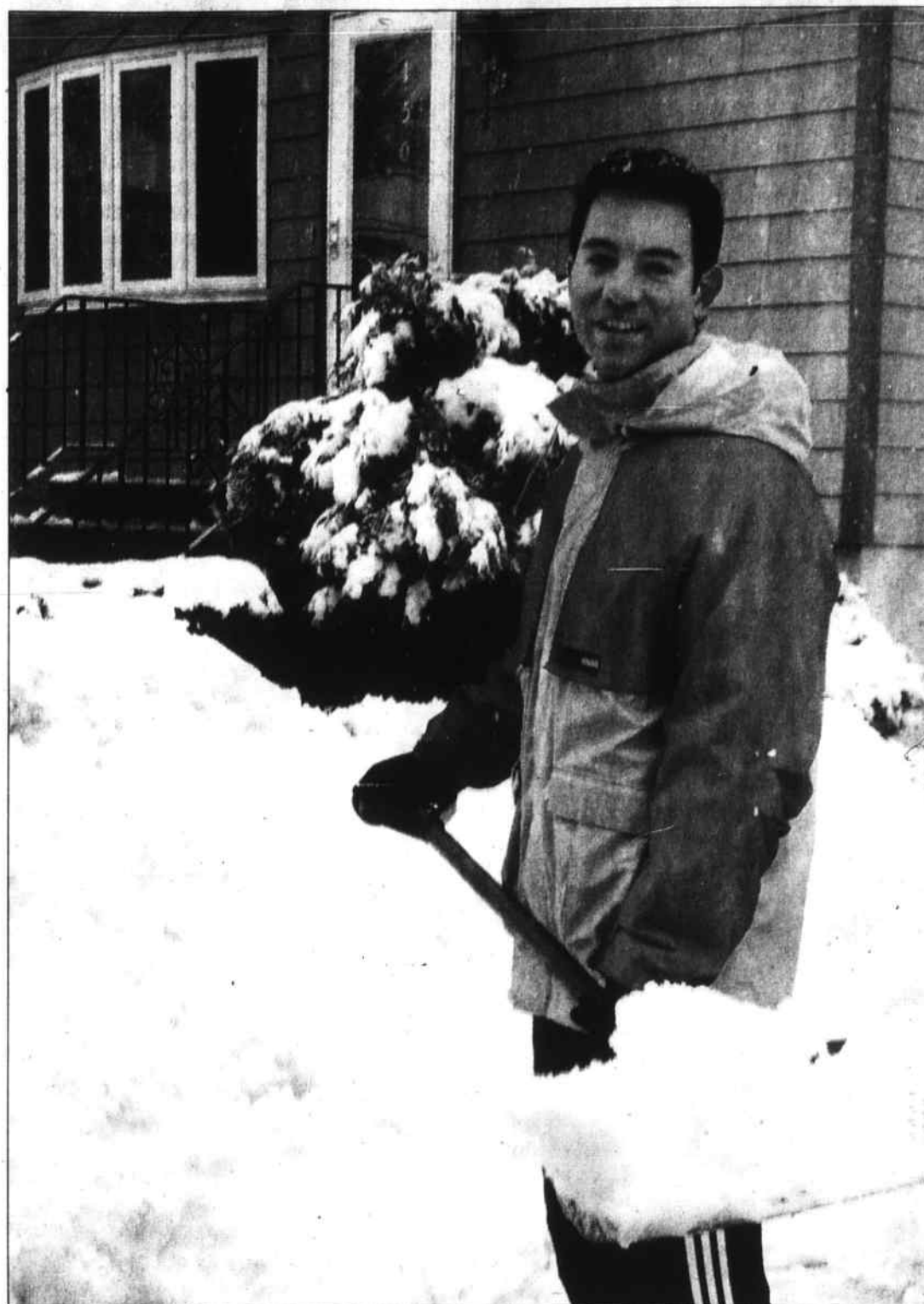


"There are a lot of very talented people with cameras in Wilmington," Caira said.

The Annual Report informs residents of what went on in town during the previous year and the municipal calendar tells residents what will happen in the upcoming year.

Annual Reports and Calendars are provided to resi-

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Michael Rohloff shoveled his driveway in Wilmington as the snow fell last week. Wilmington, along with the rest of the state "enjoyed" record levels of snowfall during the month of December. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux -www.shootingstarspix.com)

Holiday from drug dealing

Tewksbury and Wilmington police remove accused heroin dealer

By JAYNE W. MILLER

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - Acting on a tip, Tewksbury and Wilmington Police collaborated to bust a heroin dealer operating out of his home in close proximity to a Tewksbury school.

Tewksbury Police arrested Brian Moura, 22, at his at 205 Patrick Road residence on December 19 after search his house following a month-long investigation.

Alerted by at least five to seven separate tips to Tewksbury's anonymous Drug Hotline, Detective Sergeant Tom Casey and Detective Patrick Harrington began an undercover investigation that required the assistance of the

entire Detective Division. During the investigation, Tewksbury and Wilmington detectives collected the evidence necessary to obtain a search warrant that culminated in the arrest of Moura for possession with intent to distribute heroin, two counts of distribution of heroin, three counts of School Zone Violation, and possession of cocaine.

Police seized an undisclosed amount of heroin and other substances in the arrest.

"The biggest thing was the school zone violation," Tewksbury Police Lieutenant John Voto said.

Under Chapter 94C Section 34J of the Massachusetts General Laws, the school zone

statute provides a mandatory minimum penalty of two years for a person convicted of distributing any one of a variety of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of "a public or private accredited preschool, accredited headstart facility, elementary, vocational, or secondary school whether or not in session."

205 Patrick Road is within that 1,000-foot distance from the property of Tewksbury's Wynn Middle School.

At the end of the investigation, the collaboration between the Tewksbury and Wilmington Police Departments brought down Moura. Detectives worked undercover in several

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A look back at Wilmington of yesteryear...

Photon was there long before the Registry

By LARZ F. NEILSON

WILMINGTON - The building at 355 Middlesex Avenue in North Wilmington has been in the news of late, and is now the district office of the state Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The building is on the site of the old C.S. Harriman Tannery, which was shut down in the early 1950s after neighbors complained about odors. During the late 1950s, a printing company used the tannery buildings to warehouse paper. Meanwhile, the Wilmington Little League field occupied part of the site. About 1960, the tannery buildings were razed.

In 1961 the Wilmington Development Co., owned by

Cosmo Caterino, erected a building for its sister firm, Waltham Door and Window. Less than a year later, Photon, Inc. took a 20-year lease on the building.

Wilmington Development built three more buildings, but failed to win rezoning on an additional 90 acres, much of it wetland.

Photon was a manufacturer of photo-typesetting machines. The printing industry was in the early phase of a monumental change to offset printing. Lead type was being replaced with photographic type, controlled by computers. Photon was among the earliest manufacturers of equipment to set type photographically.

The idea for setting type with photographic images was hatched by two French inventors during World War II. With their country occupied by the Germans, the French were seeking a way of secretly setting type without the clatter of a linotype.

After the war, the idea was brought to the U.S. in five suit-

cases and sold to the company that would become Photon. The basic idea was developed into a more sophisticated system, and in 1954, Photon introduced its first machine.

The machines continued to evolve. Some models were geared toward setting newspaper ads, and others were more for text. Much like modern computers, a Photon could set type in a wide variety of typefaces and styles. The difference is that today, the type images are generated electronically. In the Photon, each typeface had to be on a filmstrip or an opaque disk, and each type size used a different lens.

During the Sixties, Photon stock was hot, and many stock traders made considerable amounts of money on it.

The company underwent many expansions. It built a two-story addition to the plant at 355 Middlesex Ave. Then, in order to service its world market, a new division was started, called International Photon. That division started out in a small office in the former

North Wilmington post office. Before long, the company bought the former Eagle Can plant off Concord Street to

house that division. There was also a plant in New Hampshire. At its peak, the company employed over 1,000 people.

The Photon machines were highly versatile, and they car-

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The Registry of Motor Vehicles is now located at 355 Middlesex Avenue, but a company known as Photon, which manufactured groundbreaking photo-typesetting equipment was a former tenant.

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Before this year is out, you may see some changes in your paycheck. Most important, the Social Security wage base is rising to \$102,000. It will cost high-paid workers—and their employers—an extra \$279 in FICA taxes. (The flip side is that Social Security benefit checks will rise by 2.3 percent.) Earning limits have been indexed upward, too. People who turn 66 this year can earn up to as much as \$36,120 without losing benefits. Those between 62 and 66 can make up to \$13,560 without penalty. Retirement contributions can go up, too, to \$5,000 for IRAs and Roth; those born before 1968 can add \$1,000. Retirement plan contributions can be based on as much as \$230,000 of salary. The pay-in ceiling for defined-contribution Keogh and profit-sharing plans rises to \$46,000. The benefit limit rises to \$185,000. But there's no change for 401(k) or for SIMPLEs, though those over 50 can add another \$2,500 for the SIMPLEs. A new year offers new tax-saving opportunities. Come talk to the folks at:

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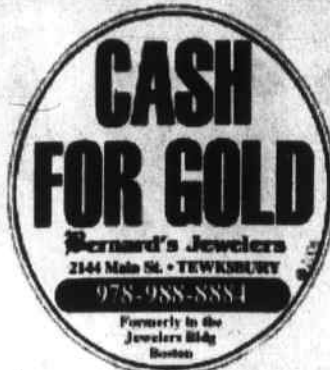
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Friends of the Tewksbury Library Used Book Sale

TEWKSBURY - The Friends of the Tewksbury Library's first used book sale of 2008 will be held on Saturday, January 5th from 9:30-4:00 at the library. Come buy great books at fantastic low prices and support the Friends of the Tewksbury Library.

Wilmington Yearly dog registration

WILMINGTON - The new 2008 dog tags have arrived in the Town Clerk's office. Residents may come in to register their dogs for 2008. Please bring the dog's up-to-date rabies information. Registration will continue until April 15, 2008.

Wilmington Youth Hockey presents... A Night of Comedy

WILMINGTON - An evening filled with laughs from four of the nation's finest comedians is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Wilmington's Knights of Columbus Hall.

The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show will kick-off at 8:30 p.m. sharp.

The show will feature nationally touring headliner Paul D'Angelo (www.pdangelo.com) and will be hosted by Wilmington's own Steve Bjork (www.stephenbjork.com).

Tewksbury voter registration session for the presidential primary

A voter registration session has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008 from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Elizabeth Carey, Town Clerk, informs residents, who have not registered to vote that this is the final day to register to vote for the upcoming February Presidential Primary. This is the last day to change your political party enrollment for the upcoming Presidential Primary.

Residents who will be 18 years of age on or before Tuesday, February 5, 2008; are eligible to register to vote at this session. Proof of age is required.

Residents may register to vote during regular Town Clerk Office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm or phone 978-640-4355 and we will mail you a mail-in voter registration form.



Week of Jan 7

WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood & Bestwell
Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, curly fries, applesauce.

Tuesday: Turkey patty on a roll, cucumber coins with low fat dip, fruit.

Wednesday: Pasta with meatballs or zesty tomato sauce, garlic bread, steamed vegetable, fresh fruit.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, whipped potato, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Whole grain twisted edge pizza, Caesar salad with croutons, pineapple.

Elementary:

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, curly fries, applesauce.

Tuesday: French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links, apple slices with topping, juice.

Wednesday: Pasta with meatballs or zesty tomato sauce, garlic bread, steamed vegetable, fresh fruit.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, whipped potato, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Whole grain twisted edge pizza, Caesar salad with croutons, pineapple.

Middle School & High School

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger or veggie burger on a roll, spicy potato wedges, applesauce.

Tuesday: Middle: Soup d'jour, toasted cheese on white or wheat bread, crispy oven fries, peaches.

High School: Potato bar; cheese, seasoned meat, broccoli, bread stick, peaches.

Wednesday: Pasta with meatballs or zesty tomato sauce, garlic bread, steamed vegetable, fresh fruit.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, whipped potato, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Whole grain twisted edge pizza, Caesar salad with croutons, pineapple.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-4

Monday: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, vegetable sticks w/dip, baked Doritos, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Tuesday: Chicken rice soup, toasted ham & cheese, Frito corn chips, whipped parfait, fruit or juice, milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad w/dressing, dinner roll, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Thursday: Macaroni & cheese, vegetable of the day dinner roll, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Friday: Pizza dipper w/sauce, Caesar salad w/croutons, seasoned pasta, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Ryan, Wynn and High School

Monday: Hot dog on a roll baked beans, vegetable sticks w/dip, baked Doritos, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Tuesday: Chicken rice soup hot ham & cheese croissant corn chips, whipped parfait fruit or juice, milk variety.

Wednesday: Spaghetti w. meat sauce, garden salad w/dressing, dinner roll, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Thursday: Flour tortilla w/beef and all the fixings, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Friday: Totally taco pizza ceasar salad w/croutons, seasoned pasta, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Shawsheen Tech

Monday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, whole wheat roll, salad w/low-fat dressing, juice, fruit.

Tuesday: Chinese beef/vegetables, chinese rice, peas whole wheat roll, juice, fruit.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni & cheese, carrots, salad w/low fat dressing, juice, fruit.

Thursday: Cheese steak bomb sub roll, salad w/low fat dressing, juice, milk, fruit.

Friday: Sal's pizza, juice fruit.

OBITUARY

Geraldine Ann Fields Of St. William's Parish; 75



TEWKSBURY - Geraldine Ann (Pimentel) Fields, age 75, died peacefully on Tuesday, evening, January 1, 2008 after a long period of declining health, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of George Allan Fields, the "light of her life," who died in 1977.

She was born in Cambridge, on June 20, 1932, a daughter to the late Manuel and Alda (Medeiros) Pimentel and raised in Somerville. In 1990 she and her mother moved to Tewksbury, where she was a communicant of St. William's Church and a Tewksbury Golden Age Club Member.

In her earlier years she worked at Andrew Dutton, Warner Lambert Company and M.W. Carr as a quality control inspector. She retired early to care for her mother at home.

She is survived by a sister Alda Ricardo of Tewksbury; a brother Manuel and his wife Violet Pimentel of Tewksbury and Davie, Florida; and was a "favorite" aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She was also the sister of the late Mary (Enos) Lubinski.

Her funeral will be held Saturday at 9:00 a.m. from the

Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851 2950. Visiting hours Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 5, at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Burial in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Friends of the Elderly Senior Center Building Fund, 480 East St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 or the Lowell Visiting Nurse Hospice Program, P.O. Box 1965, Lowell, MA 01853 will be appreciated. tewksburyfuneralhome.com



Poetry Corner

A New Year Begins

The first day of the year
Brings many new starts
With new resolutions
And much hopeful hearts.

We wipe our slate clean,
Try to write a new book,
Get rid of bad habits
Or adopt a new look.

Another year older
But wiser, we hope
To see the world clearly
And find how to cope.

For change is a given,
Who knows what may come.
Much beyond our control
Paths directed by some.

The only thing certain
Is the way you react
Your power to choose
Is a definite fact.

As we start a new year
Let's begin with this day
And think of the wonderful
Things we might say.

It costs not a penny
To say a kind word
For some it may be
The sole kindness they've heard.

Put a smile on your face
When you go for a walk
Say hi to your neighbors
Or stop by to talk.

We all want world peace
As we start this new year
No one wants to live
In a world filled with fear.

While we don't have control
Of the nations worldwide
We all can control
What we feel deep inside.

So start this new year
Spreading peace and much love
Let it flow from your heart,
Let it rise high above!

This cloud of goodwill,
It could circle the earth
Enveloping all with
Great goodness and mirth.

A flight of my fancy?
My wish for such cheer...
May you all have a
Peaceful and wonderful year!

by Marcy Ragucci

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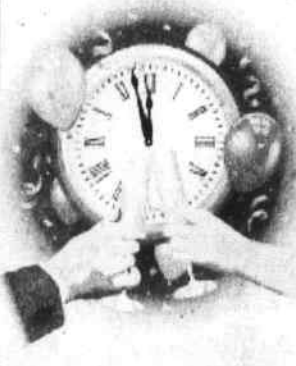
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Star Mag Meeting

Kids ages eight and older are invited to drop-in on Wednesday, January 9th at 3:30 p.m. with their finished original artwork, puzzles, poems, comics, jokes, etc., as contributions to the winter issue of this magazine written by, for and about kids, and published by the library. Refreshments will be served and a door prize, provided by the Friends of the Library, will be awarded.

Children's Movie Night

Everyone's favorite singing chipmunks star in this, their first full-length movie, to be screened on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. Join Alvin and the Chipmunks on their hilarious high-flying adventure filled with toe-tapping songs and exotic global locations.

Drop-in with something comfortable to sit on, if desired. Free popcorn and lemonade will be served. Rated: G.

Book Discussions

Poor Smasher is always getting into trouble, but it's not his fault! How was he supposed to know it was wrong to chase those chickens? And nobody said he couldn't chew up Mrs. Buzzard's slippers, or break all her china, or wet on her living

Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Children's Movie Night

room furniture. Now Mrs. Buzzard wants to get rid of Smasher. Can Farmer Buzzard find a way to save him, or will he be banished from the farm...forever? Find out what happens to Smasher when you read Dick King-Smith's Smasher. Join children ages seven and older for this book discussion to be held on Friday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m.

Book two in the popular Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan, The Sea of Monsters, will be discussed by children ages nine and older on Friday, January 18th at 3:30 p.m. The adventure fantasy continues at a fast pace, finding Percy, Poseidon's 13-year-old demigod son, desperate to rescue his friend, Grover, and to retrieve the Golden Fleece which is needed to protect Camp Half-Blood, the only safe haven for children of gods and humans.

Copies of the books may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. Drop-in for discussion and snacks. Door prizes will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Story Time Registration

Registration for preschool story times is now taking place. Introduce your young child to books, flannel board stories, songs, circle games and finger plays. To register, visit the Children's Room or call (978) 694-2098. For more information about story time and the story time schedule, check the library's website at www.wilm-lib.org.

Teen Zone News

Teen audio collection updated! Teen Services Librarian Brandy Danner has been busy updating the audio book collection in the Teen Zone. Classic and popular titles of cassette-based audio books have been replaced with CDs or Playaways (looks like an MP3

player). The audio book collection includes more current titles in these updated formats. If you have a reading assignment, there is likely an audio book version available. So put on those ear buds and listen to Tom Sawyer or Treasure Island, or more recent titles like Eragon and Eldest. Teen Dungeons and Dragons

The Dungeons and Dragons group will meet Tuesday, January 8, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Beginners through advanced players in sixth grade and older, are welcome.

Down to a Science (Teens): Float Your Boat!

Can a ball of clay float? What about tinfoil, or waxed paper? Learn how to overcome the weight of everyday objects to make them buoyant, and compete to make the strongest boat! Drop in from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, to participate.

Crafty Teens Workshop: Paper Mosaic

From photo-mosaic collage to filling in standard designs, we'll have all the materials you'll need to make cut-paper mosaics to decorate your books, your locker, or any other space. We'll be designing from 2:30-4:30 on Thursday, January 17, so drop in and join us!

January Programs Book Discussions

Bookends, the library's evening book discussion group, will meet on Thursday, January 3rd at 7 p.m. to discuss Digging to America by Anne Tyler. PageTurners will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 11 a.m. to discuss The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. If you have read these books and would like to talk about them with other readers, stop by and join either or both groups.

Safe and In Control Driving on the Roadways

Dan Stollo, who teaches advanced driver training, will be at the library on Thursday, January 17th at 7 p.m. He will review defensive driving skills, such as, panic stops, effective skid control, emergency lane changes, etc. With the early arrival of winter bringing messy and hazardous driving conditions, this program will offer a good review for all drivers especially, new teenage drivers. If your son or daughter just got his/her driver's license, check out this book The Driving Book: Everything New Driver's Need to Know but Don't Ask. (Located in the Teen Zone Y629.283 Gra)

Identity Theft: Don't Be a Victim

On Tuesday January 22nd at 7 p.m., Julie Gershon, an identity theft specialist with Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc., will present a seminar on how to prevent identity theft and what to do if you are a victim. Ms. Gershon has presented this Identity Theft Seminar to dozens of companies and social organizations throughout New England in an effort to educate consumers about one of the fastest growing crimes in the world today. Check out the Federal Trade Commission's web site for more information on identity theft. <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/identity/crosites/idtheft/>

Book Store Next Door

The Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by and check out the collection of gently used books. Donations are accepted during these hours. Finished reading that book you got as a Christmas gift? Why not donate it to the Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door and discover another good read!

Tewksbury Library Notes

by Jen Hinderer

Come in and check out a movie on us!

You are checking the TV guide only to see that there is nothing good to watch, so you plan to run down to your local video store and rent a DVD. All you need to do is stop by the ATM and take out some money in order to pay for the DVD, and then remember to return it the next day or have to pay a late fee.

Well, we at Tewksbury Public Library have a better idea and all you need is your library card. So, why not stop by the library, and check our extensive

and constantly growing DVD collection?

"The library has DVDs?" Well, of course we do! Your library card allows you to check out at least 6 DVDs at a time, per library card...and it is all for free.

Our collection has current movies, like the *The Last Legion*, *The Decent*, and *For the Love of a Dog* just to name a few. As well as classics that you might have seen over 100 times, but would love to watch again, like *The Blob*, *Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang* or *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. We also have a growing non-fiction DVD collection that includes National Geographic titles as well as travel and exercise DVDs.

We have many TV shows on DVD, they include *Little People*, *Big World Season 1*, *Lost*, and the entire series of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

Oh and if you want to borrow a DVD for your children don't forget our Children's DVD collection. Not only can you find the latest releases like *Barbie in the Nutcracker*, *Bob the Builder*, and *Goosebumps*, but also standards like *Disney Movies*, *Baby Einstein* and *Caillou*. We are sure that your child can find a DVD that they would love and enjoy.

When you check out a DVD from the Tewksbury Public Library you don't need to return it the next day, or even the day after that! You get to keep the DVD for a full seven days. We also encourage you to check the library catalog from home to see if a DVD that you are interested in is on the shelf. If not currently available you can request it, and when it comes in we can call or email you to let you know.

Do you have a suggestion of a DVD that you would like to see in our collection? Simply fill

out our Suggestion for Purchase form online at www.tewksbury-pl.org and it may be considered for the collection. Or just mention it to a staff member at the desk and we will add it to our list to consider.

With all this to offer, our request is that you return our DVDs on time and that you take care of them while they are in your possession. DVDs are much more fragile than music CDs and scratch easily. Please be sure to place DVDs only in their cases and never on top of tables or other hard surfaces. Even fingerprints will cause a DVD not to play. If your DVD doesn't play, you can always gently clean it with a soft, damp cloth, wiping softly from the center hole outwards in a

straight line, not in a circle. Children may not understand how to properly care for DVDs so adults should be the primary handlers of this media. This will help us to maintain a large collection of DVDs that everyone can enjoy. Please be sure to mention to a staff member if a DVD is damaged or does not play even after cleaning so we can replace it if possible.

The best thing about borrowing DVDs from the library is that we have a great selection at no cost to you. We are constantly adding to the collection so be sure to check us out. We think that you will be impressed and surprised at what your local library has to offer.

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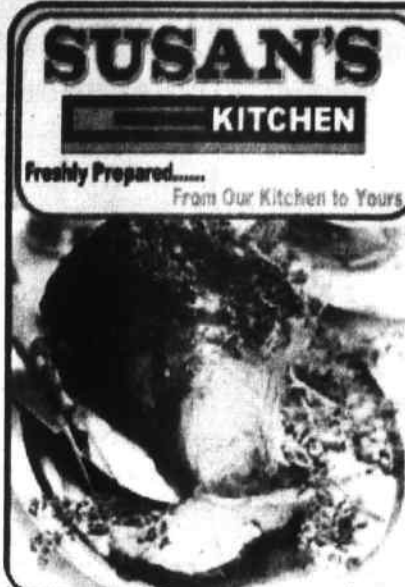
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OBITUARIES

Michael Ciampolillo

Worked in Boston's upscale hotels and restaurants

Michael Ciampolillo, age 88, of Andover formerly of Medford and Boston's North End died peacefully, December 29th, 2007, at the Wingate of Andover Nursing Facility. Born and raised in Boston's North End he was the son of the late Josephine (Annicchiarico) and Gerard Ciampolillo.

Michael worked for many years in the Food Services industry at many of Boston's upscale hotels and restaurants. He was a devoted member of the North End Society of St. Anthony and was a member of the Roma Band. Michael was also an avid Boston Sports fan and enjoyed following all of the teams over the years.

In addition to his parents, Michael is predeceased by his brother Angelo Ciampolillo, sisters, Rose Schultz and Ella H. DeMarco who was his devoted caretaker for many years. He is survived by his sister, Gloria Ternullo of Somerset. He is also survived by his niece Deborah Bourgeault and nephew John DeMarco both of Wilmington and several more nieces and



nephews.

His funeral will be held from the Dello Russo - Cavanaugh Funeral Home, 374 Main St. Wilmington, Thursday, January 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Anthony Church, 851 Main St. Woburn, at 11 a.m.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend and may visit with the family Thursday morning prior to the funeral from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Services will conclude with burial at St. Michael Cemetery, Boston.

Allen M. Clauss, Jr.

Allentown Police Officer

Allen M. Clauss, Jr., 65, of New Boston, NH, formerly of Tewksbury, MA and Clearwater, FL died on December 24, 2007. Born in Bethlehem, PA, he was the son of the late Allen M. Sr. and Grace (Rosenkrantz) Clauss. A 1961 graduate of Allen High School, he served as an Allentown Police Officer from 1962-1971. He was self employed while living in Massachusetts and worked for U.S. Homes while in Florida.

Survivors include: Judy A., of Allentown, PA. Sister Grace of Wisconsin; brother David of Coopersburg, PA daughters Marcy of Lansford, PA,

Rochelle E. McConologue and her husband Allen of Wilmington, MA; Susan Case and her companion Scott Sanossian of New Boston, NH with whom he resided, April M. and Tina L. of Allentown, PA; Frederick of Jacksonville, FL; Donald of Bath, Joseph Baron of Whitehall and Daniel A. of Florida.

He is survived by nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, William, sister Marie and grandson Christopher Fox.

Services will be private. A spring Memorial is planned.

Helen Connolly

Quality control inspector for Altron

Helen (Pappas) Connolly of Stoneham, formerly of Woburn and Wilmington, passed away early Wednesday morning, December 26, at the age of seventy-six. She was the mother of Marianne Connolly of Amherst. Born in Woburn she was the daughter of the late Despina (Tsagaropoulos) and Stephen Pappas.

She had fond memories of her childhood in the rag rock section of Woburn and she was very proud of her Greek heritage. She worked for many years at Altron of Wilmington where she was a quality control inspector until her retirement. She enjoyed driving and her long association with the Woburn Lodge of Moose. Helen loved her large family and enjoyed being with her daughter and grand daughter especially. She missed the company of her late twin sister Sophie Hamilton, they were inseparable.

Along with her daughter Marianne, she is survived by her granddaughter Naomi Keizing of Amherst, her two sisters, Rita Caleshu of

Falmouth and Virginia Zarella of Woburn, and two brothers, George Pappas of Colorado and Robert Pappas of Woburn. She was the loving aunt to 42 nieces and nephews, 74 great nieces and nephews, 21 great great nieces and nephews.

She was also predeceased by three brothers the late Teddy, Jimmy and Peter Pappas.

Her funeral was held from the McLaughlin - Dello Russo Funeral Home, 60 Pleasant St. Woburn on Monday, December 31, at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral service in the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Ave. Woburn at 10. Services concluded with burial at Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend and visit at the funeral home on Sunday, December 30, from 4 thru 8.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Helen's memory to the Sawtelle Family Hospice House c/o VNA of Middlesex East, 607 North Ave. Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880

Jeffrey A. Dindo

Owner of J.A.D. Builders; avid outdoorsman; World Champion Offshore Power Boat Racer



HAMPSTEAD, NH - Jeffrey Angelo Dindo, age 51, of Hampstead, New Hampshire, formerly of Wilmington, MA passed away December 30th after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the life companion of Deborah Durgin of Hampstead, NH. Born in Ft. Wayne, IN he was the son of Louis Dindo of Groton, MA and Sandra Rooney of Salem, MA. He was the stepson of Joan Dindo of Groton.

Jeff was an established licensed Building Contractor and was the owner and operator of J.A.D. Builders. Most recently he completed his certification for his Supervisors License. Jeff also worked in the automotive industry for many years. Jeff was an all around sports enthusiast. He was a two time World Champion Offshore Power Boat Racer and was a Licensed United States Coast Guard Merchant Marine Master Captain.

An avid outdoorsman, Jeff enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, fishing, snowmobiling, skiing and boating. He had planned to open a fishing charter business in the spring of 2008.

In addition to his companion Deborah and his parents, Jeff is survived by his sister Lisa Hayes and her husband Stephen of Swampscott, brothers Christopher Dindo and his wife Pam of Topsfield and Scott Dindo of Wilmington. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews including Derek, Carley and Nicole Hayes, Samantha, Benjamin and Jonathan Dindo. He was the nephew of Christina Hatfield and her husband Stanley of Saugus and cousin of Mat, Sarah and Kaley Hatfield.

His funeral will be held from the Dello Russo - Cavanaugh Funeral Home 374 Main St. Wilmington, Friday, January 4th, at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral service conducted in the United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, at 11 a.m.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours at the Dello Russo - Cavanaugh Funeral Home Thursday, January 3rd, 4 thru 8. Interment at the Hope Cemetery of Barre, VT will be held at a later date. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Jeff's memory to the Hyder Family Hospice House 285 County Farm Rd. Dover, NH 03820.

James N. Downs, Sr.

Wilmington custodian; founder of Wilmington Youth Hockey; avid golfer, gardener, sports fan



WILMINGTON - Mr. James N. Downs, Sr., age 74, of Wilmington, died Friday, December 28th, 2007, at the Winchester Hospital. Mr. Downs was born in Wakefield, MA, on January 19, 1933, he was son of the late Glenn F. & Phoebe S. (Carpenter) Downs. Jim moved to Wilmington as a youngster when his family purchased the Pettingill Farm in South Wilmington at "Perry's Corner" around 1940. He worked on the farm with his parents and many siblings and this became his first job.

He attended the Maple Meadows School in his early years and the old Wilmington High School which later was known as the Swain School.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Downs was a custodian for the Town of Wilmington in the School System for over 42 years, he worked at the Maple Meadows School, Wildwood School, Glen Road School, and Wilmington High School, where he worked the longest. Mr. Downs was a good friend to many students, he loved the kids and they loved him. He was greatly missed by the students and faculty when he decided to retire in 1995 after many years of faithful service to the town.

In his spare time Jim was very active in the town, he was one of the "founders" and a coach of Wilmington Youth Hockey for many years. He was dedicated to teaching the kids how to play hockey. From the mid to late 1960's, Jim played softball for the "Merrimacks", in later years he was an avid golfer, gardener, sports fan, and he loved to travel to Florida with his wife. They attended many of the "Wilmington Reunions" that were held there.

Mr. Downs was the beloved husband of 53 years of Fay E. (McCauley) Downs, devoted

father of Susan A. Downs & her companion Donald Lord of Wilmington, Sharon M. Downs of Methuen, James N. Downs, Jr. & his wife Mary, and Thomas E. Downs & his wife Donna all of Wilmington, Michael G. Downs & his wife Fernanda and Valerie E. Appiani & her husband Chris all of Tewksbury, loving grandfather of Ashley E. Downs, James N. Downs III, Alyson M. Downs, Thomas E. Downs II, Kimberly F. Downs, and Patrick M. Appiani, dear brother of Francis Downs, Forrest Downs, and Edward Downs all of Wilmington, Clifton Downs of Mansfield, Pauline Russo of Woburn, Stella Flynn of Stoneham, and the late Clayton Downs, Clesson Downs, Harvey Downs, Geneva Morrison, and Charlotte Gaudette, Mr. Downs is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Downs were private. Memorial donation's in his name may be made to the Wilmington Scholarship Fund, c/o Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., Wilmington.

Tewksbury rabies inoculation clinic for dogs and cats

TEWKSBURY - A rabies inoculation clinic for dogs and cats has been scheduled for SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the DPW Garage, 999 Whipple Road. It is strongly recommended that all house cats be vaccinated. Moon S. Kim, DVM, will be the attending veterinarian. Please bring your previously issued Rabies Certificate to verify the rabies vaccination expiration date which will determine whether the animal will receive a 1 year or 3 year vaccination series.

Dogs must be at least six (6)

months of age. All dogs must be on a leash. Cats must be in a cage of box, or hand held and restrained by the owner. The fee is \$10.00 per dog or cat.

For the dog owners convenience, Elizabeth Carey, Town Clerk and Staff, will be there to issue the year 2008 annual dog license. Also available will be a Year 2008 Annual Town Census Drop Box.

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Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library Book Store Next Door

WILMINGTON - Happy New Year from the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library. The Friend's Book Store Next Door (to the Wilmington Memorial Library) is packed full of great titles for the remaining dark nights of winter.

As you make your New Year's Resolutions, don't forget to stop

by to see how the bookstore can help you keep on track. Weight loss, exercise, stress-relief, adventures - these topics seems to get the most attention this time of year! Or, maybe you have just promised to be more self-indulgent by reading more in 2008.

Whatever your excuse, stop by. We're back to our regular

Saturday hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for accepting your donations and for browsing our varied selection.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help out is encouraged to call Leslie Dietrich by phone at 978-657-6536, or email les44@verizon.net. Feel free to contact Leslie if assistance is needed in making donations to

the bookstore.

Many thanks for the community's tremendous support and best wishes to all for a gentle 2008.

Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library's Book Store Next Door 183 Middlesex Ave. Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Philip Leduc

Wilmington businessman for four decades

WILMINGTON - Mr. Philip "Phil" Leduc, 88 years of age, formerly of Wilmington passed away at Woodbriar of Wilmington on Saturday, December 29, 2007 after a brief illness. Born in Fulton, New York, on January 13, 1919, Phil was son of the late Dalvida and Marie (Laflamme) Leduc.

As a Veteran of WWII, Mr. Leduc was a member of the 246th Infantry Regiment, 66th Division, in the Southern France Campaign where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received his Honorable Discharge from Fort Devens on April 18, 1946. Mr. Leduc was a Life Member of "The Veterans Of Foreign Wars" Post 2458, where he served as Commander in 1955.

Philip was the beloved husband of 52 years to the late Concetta (Manzelli) Leduc. "Phil" and "Connie" moved to Wilmington in June of 1951 where he would live for the next 56 years. He founded Wilmington Press, Inc., in Wilmington Center and in 1969, moved to Lucci's Shopping Plaza as Wilmington Office Supply and finally Leduc's Card & Gift.

Mr. Leduc is survived by his daughter Elaine DiMaggio and her husband Dan and their children Michael, Mark and



Melissa of Duluth, Georgia, as well as his son Daniel Leduc and his wife Kathleen and their daughter Lian of Wilmington, and his many nieces and nephews. Mr. Leduc was also brother of the late Wilfred, Rudolph, Laura, and Florida.

Funeral services for Mr. Leduc were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62) Wilmington on Monday, December 31st at 11:30 a.m. and were celebrated by Rev. Travis Bonnette-Kim from the Wilmington United Methodist Church. Interment took place in the family lot as Wildwood Cemetery.

Memorial donation's in Mr. Leduc's name may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Peter J. Kenney

World class skier; machinist for Rowland Institute

WOBURN - Peter J. Kenney, a longtime resident of Woburn, passed away quietly, on

Christmas morning at the Harborside Health Care in Peterborough, New Hampshire, following a brief illness, he was seventy-four years of age. Peter was the husband of the late Mary F. (Purcell) who died in April of this year.

Born and raised in Woburn, he was the son of the late Helen C. (Short) and Thomas Kenney. Peter worked for many years as a machinist for Rowland Institute where he designed and created models for major development and construction projects through out New England.

Peter was a competitive world wide skier, taking part in competition in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Canada and the United States, the recipient of many commendations and medals. In his earlier days he was a member of the US Army Ski Team and Ski Patrol, and a active member of a local ski club the Hickory Hawks. Peter also enjoyed Ice Dancing and

was very proficient in that art.

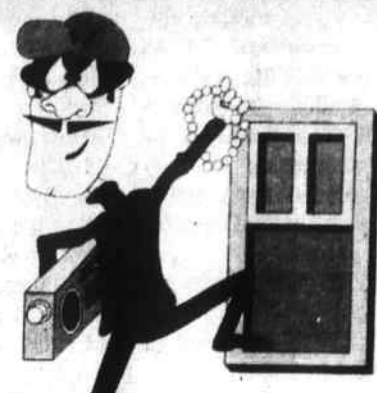
He was very social and enjoyed being an amateur radio-ham operator, but enjoyed the most being with his family.

Peter is survived by his two daughters; Maureen McLatchy and her husband John of Greenville, NH., and Eileen Kenney of Woburn; his grandchildren Kevin and Meghan McLatchy of Greenville, NH. Three sisters, Jeanne Kenney of Woburn, Eileen Doucette and her husband William of Reading, Una Sheehy and her husband John of Wakefield and his brother Edward Kenney and his wife Patricia of Wilmington. Also many loving nieces and nephews.

His funeral was from the McLaughlin - Dello Russo Funeral Home, 60 Pleasant St. Woburn, on Saturday, December 29, at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Charles Church, 280 Main St. Woburn, at 11. Services will conclude with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Woburn.

Visiting hours at the funeral home were on Friday, December 28, from 3 thru 7.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, Dec. 24
10:00 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident (MVA) occurred near 1973 Main Street.
11:58 a.m. Police responded to Wal-Mart at 333 Main Street for a report of shoplifting.
12:24 p.m. Police responded to a residence on Victor Drive for a report of assault.
1:35 p.m. A MVA occurred near 1751 Main Street.
2:02 p.m. A MVA occurred on Coolidge Street.
2:17 p.m. A MVA occurred near 2514 Main Street.
Jamie Lavoie, 38, of 274 Douglas Street in Manchester, NH, was arrested at 4 Highwood Drive and was charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle.
Tuesday, December 25
12:19 p.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Dewey Street.
4:30 p.m. Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Regis Road.
5:19 p.m. Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Main Street.

Wednesday, December 26
6:22 p.m. A MVA occurred near 112 Pleasant Street.
2:04 p.m. A walk-in party reported an assault that had allegedly occurred at 957 Main Street.
Thursday, December 27
5:31 a.m. A MVA occurred near 1700 Shawheen Street.
7:14 p.m. Police responded to Woburn Street where four cars had damaged tires from a pothole in the road.
Friday, December 28
7:31 a.m. A walk-in party reported items stolen from the nativity scene at 470 Kendall Road.
10:29 a.m. A MVA occurred on the off ramp from Route 495 North to Main Street.
3:19 p.m. A MVA occurred near 752 Main Street.
8:18 p.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Germano Drive and North Street.
8:33 p.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of South Street and Main Street.
Saturday, December 29
12:39 a.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Astle Street and Pike Street.

12:49 a.m. Police responded to a residence on Patten Road for a report of an assault that had allegedly occurred earlier in the night during a party.
1:09 p.m. Police responded to the Caswell Motel at 450 Main Street for a report of a woman screaming that someone stole her money.
4:36 p.m. A MVA occurred near 333 Main Street.
4:38 p.m. Police responded to a possible water main break near 1079 Main Street.
Sunday, December 30
9:39 a.m. Police recovered a motor vehicle stolen out of Chelsea on Main Street.
8:08 p.m. Police responded to a residence on John E. Smith Drive for a report of suspicious activity. Someone reportedly got out of a sports car in front of the caller's residence and opened the caller's unlocked car doors. The suspect left the area prior to the arrival of police.
10:45 p.m. A MVA occurred near 1665 Andover Street.
11:21 p.m. A MVA occurred near 386 Whipple Road.



Wilmington Police Log

Monday, Dec. 24
1:29 a.m. During a routine building check, police found that the American Legion, located on Bay Street, was still open in violation of Town By Laws. People in the bar area were advised and the establishment was closed for the night.
7:29 a.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Veranda Avenue.
Tuesday, December 25
11:20 p.m. The rear windshield of a vehicle parked at a residence on Newburn Avenue was smashed maliciously.
Paul A. Nordblom, 32, of 141 John Street in Lowell, was arrested at K&M Cleaners on Middlesex Avenue and was charged with assault and battery.
Bruno Silva, 17, of 101 Lords Court in Wilmington, was arrested on Main Street and was charged with the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failing to stay within marked lanes of travel.
Wednesday, December 26
8:07 a.m. Regency Place construction site on West Street reported that copper wire was stolen over the weekend.
4:22 p.m. An unlocked vehicle parked on Lopez Road was burglarized.
5:31 p.m. An unlocked vehicle parked on Main Street was bur-

glarized.
5:38 p.m. A vehicle parked at the North Wilmington train station was burglarized.
Thursday, December 27
8:20 a.m. The rear window of a vehicle parked at a residence on Jacquith Road was smashed maliciously overnight.
11:00 a.m. A vehicle parked on Eames Street was burglarized.
12:22 p.m. Wilmington's K9 unit assisted the City of Woburn in searching for a bank robbery suspect.
Brandon John Daigle, 23, of 26 Davida Road in Burlington, was arrested on Middlesex Avenue and was charged with two counts of receiving stolen property valued at more than \$250, possessing heroin, and stolen property offenses.
Daniel Patrick Mulcahey, 23, of 8 Sheldon Street in Burlington, was arrested on Middlesex Avenue and was charged with receiving stolen property valued more than \$250, possessing heroin, two stolen property offenses, and an outstanding warrant.
Friday, December 28
8:24 a.m. A MVA occurred on Shawheen Avenue.
10:03 a.m. A MVA occurred on Main Street.
12:17 p.m. Several laptop computers were stolen from a business on Fordham Road.
Benjamin Cordero, 26, of 24 Barret Street in Lynn, was stopped by police on Industrial

Way and was issued a summons for the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.
Saturday, December 29
10:16 a.m. A MVA occurred at the intersection of Aldrich Road and Kendall Street.
12:42 p.m. A MVA occurred on Main Street.
Cassie M. Doherty, 18, of 28 Congress Street in Wilmington, was arrested on Burt Road and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, speeding, and being a person under the age of 21 in possession of alcohol.
Tara L. Gallant, 34, of 38 Blanchard Road in Wilmington, was arrested on Butters Row and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and failing to yield at an intersection.
Sunday, December 30
5:52 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Wightman Road.
10:30 p.m. A MVA occurred on Broad Street.
10:55 p.m. A MVA occurred on Salem Street.
Mark T. McHugh, 43, of 1 Superior Street in Swampscott, was arrested on Federal Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.



Mary DiGirolamo received a hug from Lou Connolly during the annual Senior Appreciation Dinner at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. Every year the Elks donate their time and function hall to entertain and honor over 600 seniors from Tewksbury and Wilmington.


Elks host Senior Citizens appreciation dinner

The Tewksbury/Wilmington Lodge of Elks #2070 and its members along with the help from spouses and the ladies of Emblem served the senior citizens from Tewksbury and Wilmington (600 total) to a sit down Turkey Dinner with all the fixings.
The entertainment for the evening was provided by Elks member and disc jockey Denny Heenan. Elk Lou Connolly said, "They tripped the light fantastic and danced the night away."
The Lodge also provided every Senior with a raffle ticket for a chance to win a gift donated by merchants from both Tewksbury and Wilmington.

"This made the evening a night to remember for our Seniors, who were responsible for building the communities we currently live in and who have taught us the values of our proud American traditions," said a statement by the Elks.
Among the many seniors who attended was a young woman, ninety nine (99) years young, Mary DiGirolamo, who has joined the Elks at all of their appreciation dinners.
State Representative, James (Jim) Miceli assisted the Elks with the distribution of the gifts for the seniors.
The Elks offer a special "thank you" to all who helped in seeing the merchants and

requesting donations for the program; certainly not an easy task.
The Elks say thank you also to all the members and wives, the ladies of Emblem, and the merchants who continuously support their Senior Citizens program.
Last, but not least, a special thank you also to the kitchen committee, the early and all day crew under the leadership of their own Emiril Lagasse, Anthony J. Tony Cappucci who prepared the turkey dinner and maitre d, Roger Metcalfe. Thank You. This truly demonstrates that Elks care - Elks share.
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regular trash collection day. Please remove all decorations and plastic wrapping.

The trees will be recycled into mulch, to be available for residents in the spring

From Wilmington's Town Clerk

Voter Registration

WILMINGTON - The last day to register to vote for the Presidential Primary to be held on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 will be WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008. The Town

Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 p.m. on January 16. The office will also be doing Passports that night. Please call the Clerk's office at 978-658-2030 for more information.

Wilmington nomination papers available for 2008 town election

WILMINGTON - Nomination papers will be available for the 2008 Annual Town Election on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Offices open for election are as follows: 2 positions on the Board of Selectmen for 3 year term, 2 positions on the School Committee for 3 year term, Housing Authority position for

5 year term, and Redevelopment Authority position for 5 year term.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 with the polls opening at 8:00 a.m. Please take note of the time change from 10:00 p.m. The polls will close at 8:00 p.m. The last day to register nomination papers with the Town Clerk is March 7, 2008.



From Scribner's Monthly, 1875

The harvesting process began near the storage house or railcar siding. A few cakes were cut with a handsaw and hauled out of the water. Then a canal or channel leading from the elevator to the field was opened up. Rafts of ice were then pushed through the opening to the elevator.

"Fire and Ice" at Old Sturbridge Village Jan. 26

Old fashioned ice harvest on a frozen pond; hot cider and fireside tales

STURBRIDGE, MA - Old Sturbridge Village embraces the joys of an old fashioned winter with a "Fire and Ice" celebration on Sat. Jan. 26. Visitors can watch the Mill Pond ice harvested with vintage tools and learn how early New Englanders cut blocks of ice and shipped them around the world before the invention of electrical refrigeration. Afterwards, guests can warm up with hot cider, fireside tales and the magic of Bob Olson at the Bullard Tavern. The ice harvest demos story telling, songs, puppet shows and hearthside activities will be ongoing throughout the day.

"We take ice for granted today, but before the 1800s, only the rich had access to ice cream and ice cold drinks in the summertime," notes Deb Friedman, head of interpretation at Old Sturbridge Village.

"Harvesting natural ice from lakes and ponds became big business in the 19th century and ice was considered an important agricultural "crop" for New England farmers."

Ice harvesting historian Dennis Picard of Westfield, Mass. will follow 19th old fashioned methods for the OSV ice harvest, making sure the ice is at least 12 inches thick, and that any snow on top is scraped off. The ice is first marked into two-foot squares, and then separated with large-toothed ice saws and "breaker bars" and pikes. Then, it is either floated through a lane of open water or loaded on sleds to be stored in the ice house with straw or sawdust for insulation. By the 1840s, ice was often loaded directly onto rail cars for shipment to the cities.

"With farm fields under snow and mill races frozen, ice har-

vesting was a great way for young men in New England to make a dollar a day," Picard notes. "Henry David Thoreau included a wonderfully descriptive chapter on ice harvesting in his famous book, Walden, describing the Irish laborers and their Yankee foremen."

Picard and historian Tom Kelleher of Old Sturbridge Village are featured in a segment on ice harvesting in the upcoming Nova documentary entitled "Absolute Zero: The Conquest of Cold," produced by the British Broadcasting Company (BBC), due to air on PBS stations at 8:00 p.m. Sun. January 8 (for details: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/zero>).

Picard and Kelleher portray ice harvesting laborers working for 19th century Boston merchant Frederick Tudor, who was dubbed "The Ice King."

Tudor made New England's ice harvesting a global business by shipping ice from a Lynn, Mass. pond to the West Indies 1805. His business expanded to include shipments of ice to southern U.S. cities like New Orleans and Charleston, as well as to Cuba, South America, India, China and England, where it was reported that that Queen Victoria purchased Massachusetts ice in the 1840s.

Old Sturbridge Village celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tues. - Sun. Admission: \$20; seniors \$18; children 3-17, \$6; children under 3, free. For details: www.osv.org or call 1-800-SEE-1830.

Senior Lunches

Week of Jan 7, 2008

Monday: Herb roasted chicken, baked potato, corn, oatmeal bread, applesauce.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak w/gravy, roasted whole potatoes, carrots, lite rye bread, pears.

Wednesday: Pasta w/meatballs and tomato sauce, broc-

coli, French bread, apricots, cookie.

Thursday: Roasted turkey w/ whipped potato, butternut squash, whole wheat roll, cranberry sauce, jello.

Friday: BBQ pork patty, au gratin potatoes, green beans, multi-grain bread, pineapple.

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Jimmy and Emmy Carroll celebrated the New Year with the annual kid's New Year's Party at their Nana's house (Pat O'Brien) where the ball drops at 9:30 p.m.
(photo by Maureen Lamoureux -www.shootingstarspix.com)

Town Report takes top honors

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dents free of charge and are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall. Each month is accompanied with a beautiful photograph depicting some aspect of Wilmington, whether familiar landmarks, historical landmarks, homes, or local scenery.

"The residents of the town look forward to the calendars each year now," Cairra said.

The towns of Bedford, Lancaster, and Harvard took first, second, and third place in Category Two, which covers towns with populations between 5,000 and 12,499.

The towns of Rowe, Edgartown, and Oak Bluffs took the top three honors in Category Three, which covers towns with a population of less than 4,999.

GPS system led to jail

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Wilmington police found the vehicle.

After stopping the vehicle, a search resulted in the recovery not only of the GPS system stolen out of Woburn that morning, but also two other GPS systems stolen out of Wilmington on Thursday morning and on Wednesday afternoon from vehicles parked at Wilmington Plaza.

GPS systems remained popu-

lar Christmas gifts, especially since prices have fallen dramatically in recent years. Consequently, GPS systems also remain popular with thieves, accounting for a significant increase in car break-ins throughout the Commonwealth.

Police remind residents to lock their car doors and remove valuables from their vehicles when they leave them for any period, especially overnight.

Holiday from drug dealing

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surrounding towns on the day of the arrest to follow the movements of Moura and ensure a strong evidence chain.

"We work pretty well with Tewksbury," Wilmington Police Lt. Christopher Neville told the Crier. "Any time that you can help another agency trying to put together a case like that, you can use as many bodies as you can get to do surveillance."

Voto likewise praised Wilmington detectives for their helpfulness and professionalism in bringing the investigation into Moura's narcotics activities to a successful close.

"The Tewksbury Police would like to thank all of the people who called the Drug Hotline and provided the pertinent information, which allowed us to take these drugs off the streets of Tewksbury," said Voto.

The public is encouraged to report criminal activity to the Tewksbury Police Department. Anyone with information regarding illegal drug activities, who wishes to remain anonymous, should call the Drug Hotline at 978-851-0175.

Callers to the Drug Hotline remain anonymous as the line lies outside the normal police phone lines. Police do not collect information from callers and do appreciate any information or concerns that come in via that line. While it is easier for police to establish a basis of knowledge and reliability from informants who come forward, the Drug Hotline is there for those that may need or want to remain anonymous.

The Town of Wilmington used to have a drug hotline similar to Tewksbury's, but received few calls from that line.

Photon was there long before the Registry

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ried a high price tag. Some employees realized they could build a simpler machine. Three or four men broke off and started Compugraphic. Their first machine was called the Justape Jr. It wasn't a typesetter, but a computer that could make adjustments in copy that came from the wire services.

Compugraphic then began making single-purpose typesetters that were sold much more cheaply than the Photon.

Photon sued, claiming that the men had hatched the plans for the machine on Photon's time. Photon won the suit, but by that time Compugraphic was much larger than Photon.

The Town Crier received its first Photon in 1970, a model 713-10. It could set eight typefaces in ten different sizes. The machine had two large components, a main-frame computer and a photo unit, and cost nearly \$40,000.

It was eventually replaced by a smaller machine, called the

Pacesetter. The machine acquired the nickname "Nervous Nellie," for its propensity to lose its memory when a code error was entered.

In the mid-1970s, Photon merged with Itek, a graphics firm. Then Itek was bought out by Dymo. The machines were still serviced, but then a Swedish firm bought Itek. The Swedes were interested only in another patent owned by the company. They decided to close the plant.

A group of former employees

tried to resurrect the firm, realizing that machine owners would want service. That effort failed, and the business was gone for good.



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Town Crier's 2007

Female Athlete of the Year: Katie Cole

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Katie Cole can play any sport. She's athletic. She's fast, has quick hands to hit a softball and smooth ones to make a play with her glove. She can dribble the soccer ball, make great passes and even score once in a while. She also played a year of varsity basketball and played baseball when she was a kid.

Athletically she has a pretty good resume. She was a league all-star in two sports this calendar year. She has played on a league champion team and has played on three varsity teams that have made it to the post season. She'll be on her way to earn nine varsity letters, and would have been 11 had she not left basketball because she wanted to concentrate on academics more.

And that's another impressive chapter. She currently ranks fourth in her academic class, is a member of the National Honor Society and has applied to schools such as Tufts, Boston College and Georgetown. Cole is extremely well rounded. She spent most of last summer in Spain taking advanced courses, can speak Spanish and learned Latin this school year. She also enjoys drawing pictures, taking art classes every Saturday morning since she was in junior high.

As impressive as her batting average or GPA, Katie Cole is mature beyond her years. She's become a dynamite leader for both the softball and soccer program and she answers questions as if she's been a longtime coach. She understands how to manage those learning curves and get through the tough physical and mental maturity stages. She grasps the team concept and will accept nothing more than that from everyone.

"Katie really takes (softball) serious," said head coach Bob Surran. "When the team isn't doing well, sometimes (the team) isn't much of a priority to some people, but with Katie all she wants to do is help the younger kids and keep them focused. She's more of a lead by example kind of leader. Some people talk a good game and don't lead but with Katie she's a good leader because she does all of the important things. She's always helping the younger kids and she takes her academics very seriously."

Opening the Leader Play Book

Both of Cole's high school coaches, Surran and Sue Hendee, of the soccer team, have raved about her ability to lead. Both programs were very similar this past calendar year.

On the softball diamond, Cole was named one of the co-captains as a junior with Kim Caimpa, who lined up next to her at third base. The 2007 team had just one senior on the team and it showed, as the team was competitive but didn't have the experience to pull out wins. But as the season went on, the team drastically improved.

"Softball was pretty much just like soccer," said Cole. "We were a really young team. But everyone did really well. We had a bunch of freshmen starting and I was surprised with how well they did and I think we're going to have a better season this year. It's disappointing that we didn't make it the tournament but I think we improved a lot over the season and anyone who watched us could see that."

With freshmen and sophomores surrounding Cole and Caimpa, the two of them were relied upon heavily by Surran to show the younger kids what high school softball is all about, especially for a program that had qualified for the tournament every year but one since 1992.

"I love being able to help other people and give them advice," said Cole. "I was in their position being a freshman and playing with all older girls. And I know I appreciated it when the older girls would take the time out to help me, or tell me what I was doing right or wrong. I batted low in the order so I know what it's like."

Cole said she didn't become a leader just over night. It took a lot of time, experience, maturity and help from others.

"My freshman year I played softball and soccer with Lani Cabral-Pini and I learned so much from her," said Cole. "And in soccer Debbie Lyons was great and the Martel sisters in softball helped me a lot. It was great when the older girls helped me. I know I really appreciated it then so that's what I'm trying to do now."

That all happened during this past spring when Katie was a junior. This past fall, a few months wiser, she was back at it, this time on the soccer field. The Wildcats were extremely young with just two seniors, Leah Potcner and Cole, but the two of them helped guide the team to a post-season appearance. Just like softball, you could see during the course of a few months how well this team improved, and most of all played together.

"We did really well," said Cole. "Especially with what we had. I have to say though that this past soccer team was one of the best teams I've ever played on. Everyone got along, all the girls are really nice and

we had a really good season, mostly because we bonded so well together."

Besides maturing, seeing how others did it, Cole said she also went to the adults for some support.

"Ms. Hendee helped me a lot," said Cole. "Sometimes she's hard to play for, but I think that's good and it's what you need. Both Mr. Surran and Ms. Hendee help you with anything you need. Mr. Surran is just an all-around nice guy. He's very understanding and he tries to make it a lot of fun. He's a lot more laid back, but obviously that has worked because he's had a lot of successful teams."

"And Ms. Hendee does so much. She makes us a video at the end of the year and a booklet with our stats and stuff and I just think that shows how dedicated she is to the team. She's always helping everyone else and I think that's the big reason why the team always makes it to the state tournament every year."

Just starting out

When you ask Katie Cole about her childhood she laughs.

"I was a huge tomboy and I think that has a lot to do with my love for sports," she said.

Cole is the second of three children. Her older brother Kevin is 21 and he played baseball and basketball at the sub-varsity level during his years at WHS. Her sister Lauren plays three sports, making it on the freshmen soccer and basketball teams and will probably run track in the spring.

"I grew up in a neighborhood of all boys," she said. "My brother being the oldest sibling and his friends would always play wiffleball and stuff like that and I always looked up to (Kevin) and I would run around wanting to play. Most of my cousins are all boys too. For one of two years I would tell my Dad that my hand wasn't biggest enough to play softball, so he let me play baseball with the boys."

That closeness playing sports as a child seems to have carried on with the Cole family.

"My family is really close," she said. "Kevin is now 21 so I don't see him as much, but my sister and my mother bake Christmas Cookies together or we play board games together. We always do things together. My Mom and Dad have made it to the million of games that I have played over the last four years. Having my whole family support me like they do is very important to me."

Positional Changes

In three years as a member of the varsity softball team, Katie



Wilmington High senior Katie Cole was a league all-star in two sports during the 2007 calendar year including soccer. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Cole has played three different positions. As a freshman, she roamed center field and played very well defensively, helping the team capture the Cape Ann League championship. She displayed very good softball instincts that season, not to mention very good speed and the ability to get on base several different ways.

Entering her sophomore year, Surran had lost a lot of players from that league championship team and decided to move Cole, then a sophomore, from center field to shortstop. Surran saw that move become very successful in years past under former head coach Paul Lyman, but for the first half of the 2006 season, the switch didn't work.

"She struggled," said Surran. "I think part of it was the maturity level wasn't there yet. She was rushing her throws and then there were balls hit to her and she would pull her head out. So we moved her to second base and she played very well there. She showed great range and was solid as a rock."

The next spring, Surran still had the confidence that Cole would be a good shortstop, so he tinkered again, this time it paid off. Cole was very good, very consistent all season long

with the glove. She made the routine plays, she made the tough plays and she really was the strong influence behind the team's young battery.

"She had a great year playing shortstop," said Surran. "I think the difference was physically and mentally being a year older. (Assistant coach) Audrey (Cabral-Pini) and I always thought she would be a good shortstop and we were so happy to see her do so well there this year."

Cole was named a Cape Ann League All-Star as a shortstop, coming in really her first season in the new position.

"My freshman year I played center field and I really liked that position," she said. "Then my sophomore year Mr. Surran moved me to infield but I had never played infield before. When I played on the (summer league) Twisters (team) I played center field or I was a catcher. So I was really nervous playing infield for the first time and I didn't have much practice. I struggled, so Mr. Surran moved Brittany Collins from third to shortstop because she had more experience. It was the right move, so I went to second base."

"He put me back to shortstop

this year and I think experience was the difference. Just being a year older, having that extra year of experience is such a big difference and it just made me more confident."

While she was making all of the defensive plays for the team that finished 6-14, Cole led the team in almost every offensive category. She batted over .350 and had a .450 on base percentage.

"Katie doesn't strike out much," said Surran. "She's a contact hitter. We had a disappointing season especially with the bats. We didn't have many big hits but when we did it was usually Katie who had it."

The QB on the field

Much like playing shortstop in softball, playing center-halfback in soccer is the most crucial position. Sure a quarterback or a pitcher have more control of the outcome of games, but a shortstop, a point guard and a center halfback has more control of how the game is designed, and how offenses flow and defensive attacks are drawn up on the board.

Katie Cole has been a two-

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Katie Cole has played three positions in three seasons for the softball team, excelling defensively at shortstop during the 2007 season. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

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Debbie Lyons
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Athlete of the 90s decade: Judy O'Connell

WHS Boys Hockey

Wildcats defeat two powerful teams to take tourney title

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

HAVERHILL - Led by a spread out scoring attack, solid defensive play and stellar performance in the net, the Wilmington High boys hockey team pulled off good victories this past weekend defeating Danvers, 4-0, and then Division 1 opponent Milton, 5-2, to capture the Palm Division Championship trophy of the Haverhill Christmas tournament played last Thursday and Saturday at the Veterans Arena.

Eight different players found the back of the net in the two games, while, Michael Cabral turned away 45 of 47 shots to earn the tournament's MVP honors to help the Wildcats improve to 5-1 on the season.

In the win over Milton, the Wildcats came out on absolute fire in the first period, absolutely dominating every facet of the game. The Wildcats utilized its system, of dump-and-chase, strong forechecking and physical contact, and converting on offensive chances in front, finding the net four times on just seven shots to take the commanding 4-0 lead. But in the second and third periods the 'Cats slowed down that tremendous play but still pulled out the victory.

"Yes we came out with guns blazing," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "The kids knew that (Milton) would be the only Division 1 team we would play all year so that was a big challenge for them and a good opportunity. We played a great first period. But we got away from that in the second and third periods with some neutral zone

turnovers and we don't like to see that. Forechecking, creating turnovers and opportunities, and scoring goals (is our system), but when we get away from that you get in trouble."

Wilmington scored in the fourth minute of the first period. On a face-off just outside the Milton zone, Eric Siegel tapped the puck to his left to Ernie Mello, who came flying into the zone, shifting past a defender before putting a wrist shot to the top right hand corner for the 1-0 lead.

Just 70 seconds later Andrew Goosens was fed out front thanks to terrific work behind the net by Kevin Flanagan and put home a quick shot through the wickets making it 2-0. Then with less than seven minutes left in the period, Wilmington again worked the puck deep in the Milton zone with Tim Cushing and Jeff Harris setting up Sean Tavares who tapped in what turned out to be the game winning tally.

Wilmington made it 4-0 scoring with just 32 seconds left in the period as Siegel made a terrific move taking the puck down the right wing and curling into a defender before dishing the puck off to his left to Mello, who tapped it inside the left post for his second tally of the game.

The second period was scoreless as both teams were called for several penalties, and Milton made things interesting scoring the first goal of the third period, but Cabral was up to the challenge, turning away 12 of the 14 shots he faced, including several gems.

"Michael was awesome in the net," said Scanlon. "He



Wilmington High senior Eric Siegel carries the puck through the neutral zone for the Wildcat boys hockey team during a recent game. Siegel and the rest of the Wildcats are off to a flying 5-1 start. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

held us in check when the game was getting tight there. I thought Milton got a lot of rubber on him - when the game was still in balance he made some good saves. Especially in the second period he made some really good saves."

Cabral made all 34 saves in the impressive win over Danvers, a team that's always among the top teams in all of Division 2. Cushing, Goosens, Mello and Michael Enwright - in his first game back from a football injury - scored single goals, while, Nick Robarge had two helpers.

"Yeah these are two big wins," said Scanlon. "Against Danvers it was more opportunistic scoring because we were outshot pretty significantly. We got timely scoring, and (Michael) Enwright got one in the third period and that pretty much broke their back. It's good to have him back - we got a shot in the arm with his return. He has great speed."

"My only concern with that line is they can overdue it. There's a lot of talent on that line, but you have to share the puck."



Defenseman Tim Parker carries the puck up ice for the Wildcat boys hockey team during a recent Cape Ann League match played at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

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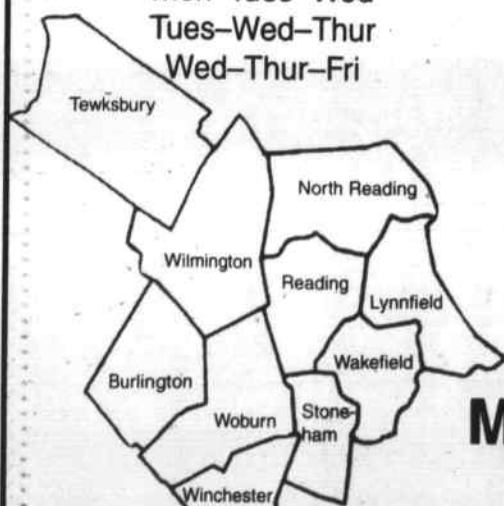
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Face a pair of Division 1 opponents

Girls reach finals in tough X-Mas tournament

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

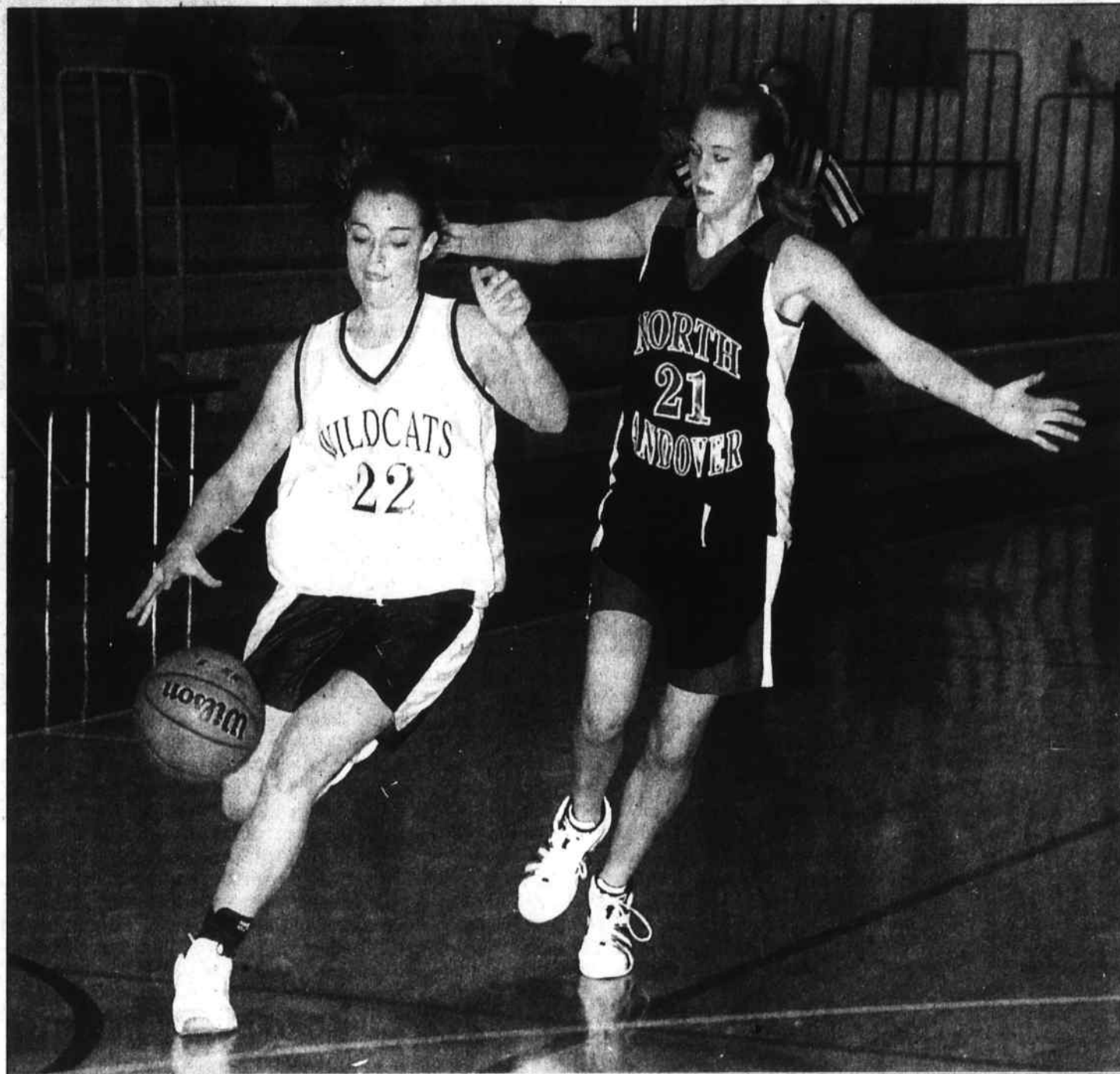
After defeating host Nashoba Regional by 20 points in the opener, the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team were trounced by Algonquin Regional, 55-30, in the Nashoba Regional Christmas Tournament championship played on Saturday night.

The other three teams in this tournament, Nashoba, Algonquin and St. Bernard's of Fitchburg, are all Division 1 teams. Wilmington is now 2-3 on the season, including facing three Division 1 teams.

"I told the girls that we can't be worried about our record because we play some really good nonleague teams," said head coach Jay Keane. "We faced a real good Algonquin team in this tournament, and then we already faced Methuen, and they beat Central Catholic the other night. So we have a real good nonleague schedule and I'm hoping that's just going to make us a better team down the road."

In the tournament opener, Wilmington opened up an eight-point halftime lead to walk all over host Nashoba Regional, 57-37. Sophomore Amy Fahey had her coming out party as she finished the game with 23 points and 12 rebounds, making it three double-doubles in five games for the first-year starter. Fahey as well as senior co-captain Stephanie Sauve were named to the all-tournament team.

"Amy had 17 of her 23 points in the second half," said Keane. "She's been working really hard. I know her hips



Wilmington High sophomore Amy Fahey, who has three double-doubles in five games this season, drives to the basket for the girls basketball team during a recent Cape Ann League game played at the Cushing Gymnasium.

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Wilmington couldn't match what it did in the opener.

"We just didn't play well," said Keane. "No excuses. We could never get anything going. And it was a game where the other team just couldn't miss. They had one girl (Theresa Logan) score 21 points and they had another girl who had a broken finger and she didn't miss any shots. But we just didn't play well at all."

Sauve and Fahey combined for 13 points in the loss.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Wildcats, who will have four games in the next eight days. On Wednesday night, they squared off yet another Division 1 club, Salem, in a nonleague game on the road with results not known as of presstime. On Friday night, Wilmington travels to Ipswich to face arguably one of the best Division 3 teams in the area with Ipswich, who has arguably the second best player in the league with junior Amber Smith. Then Wilmington travels to Newburyport on Tuesday, before hosting Methuen on Wednesday night, completing the home-and-home non-league series.

"We got flat outplayed against Algonquin," said Keane. "But they are a Division 1 team and they have always been known as having a very strong program. They were a good tough team to face. But hopefully we can learn from that game and get ready for this tough stretch."

are still killing her. But I do think this was her coming out game. She struggled a bit against Algonquin but they

really focused on her, plus I think she was sore coming back just two days later." Alyssa Brown added 15

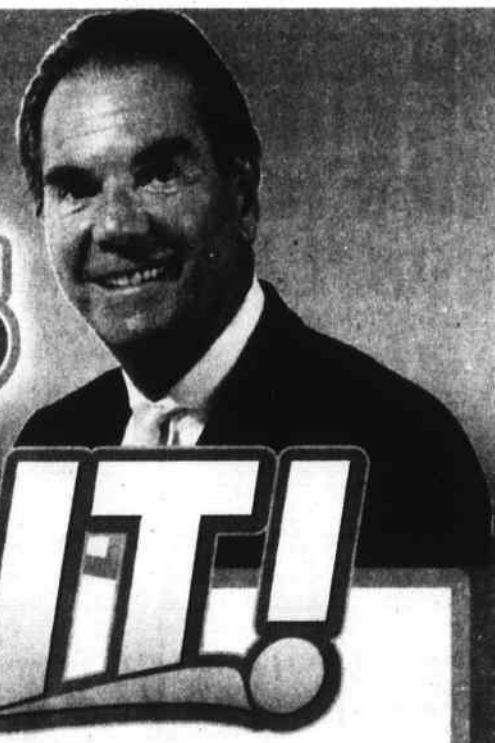
points, 13 rebounds and 7 assists and Sauve added 12 points, as the two of them with Fahey combined for 50 of

the team's 57 points leading them to the title game. But in the four quarters against a 5-0 Algonquin team,

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A Year in Review

A little bit of this and that in the year 2007

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA
Sports Correspondent

Chalk up another one for the record books, 2007 is officially history. And what a year it was. Morals were challenged. Records were broken. Scandals, drugs, cheating. Tabloid-type fodder smattered throughout the world of sports made for a very entertaining year to say the least.

Let's begin right at the start, January 1, when the Boise State Broncos defeated the powerhouse Oklahoma Sooners in one of the most memorable games of all time. A hook-and-ladder and a statue of liberty play led to the overtime win for the unheralded Boise State. As if that wasn't enough, Bronco running back Ian Johnson proposed to his cheerleader girlfriend immediately after he scored the winning two-point conversion.

Days later, the Florida Gators stomped all over the undefeated Ohio State Buckeyes. This game coupled with the Boise State win led to a startling discovery that there may be some flaws in the BCS system.

The month of January also saw a shocker when Cal Ripken, Jr. and Tony Gwynn got elected into Cooperstown. In one of the most overhyped stories of the year, David Beckham announced he would be leaving Real Madrid to play for the LA Galaxy. He got everyone all excited and then barely played for LA. In a related story, soccer still isn't very popular in America. The last major event of January saw 81st ranked Serena Williams complete a phenomenal run to

win the Australian Open by crushing number one seed Maria Sharapova in the final.

In February, there was but one big story. Peyton Manning and the Colts finally got their Super Bowl Championship by beating Chicago 29-17. It doesn't really count though, since Rex Grossman was the quarterback for the Bears. Also, Peyton actually had more commercials during the game than yards passing.

March was a slow month as well, although Serena Williams once again had a performance for the ages. She rose to meet number one seed Justine Henin in the final of the Sony Ericsson Open. Henin blanked Serena in the first set, and had two championship point chances, but Serena battled back and eventually won her second title of the year.

April was all about college hoops. First, the Florida Gators became the first team ever to win a football and basketball championship in the same academic year by beating the beleaguered Ohio State Buckeyes once again. Florida went on to have four players drafted in the first round of the NBA Draft. The next day, the Tennessee Lady Volunteers defeated the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, adding yet another notch into the already studded belt of coach Pat Summitt.

May was a slow month as well, but for all the lacrosse fans out there, the Rochester Knighthawks defeated the Arizona Sting for the National Lacrosse League championship.

In June, the San Antonio

Spurs flexed their muscle once again to capture the NBA championship by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers. Tony Parker was named finals MVP.

2007 was a very busy year for NASA. They determined that Pluto wasn't a planet. Also, thanks to painstaking research and data analysis, it was revealed that some sort of hockey league had a championship, which was won by the Anaheim Ducks. They defeated the Ottawa Senators to capture the Stanley Cup, allegedly.

In July, the MLB season was in full swing. The Red Sox were playing at a torrid pace heading into the All-Star break, over the Yankees in the standings by double-digit games.

In early August, history was made as Barry Bonds broke Hank Aaron's home run record. However sources reveal that Bonds may have been a beneficiary of performance enhancing drugs.

In September, the month began with a bang as the Appalachian State Mountaineers defeated the Michigan Wolverines in one of the biggest upsets of all time. It was the first time a 1-AA team defeated a nationally ranked 1-A team. On that same day, Red Sox rookie hurler Clay Buchholz threw a no-hitter. It was only the third time a pitcher threw a no-hitter in either their first or second start. Roger Federer won the US Open, which is apparently his 53rd Grand Slam in the last five years. Later in the month, Josh Beckett became the MLB's first 20 game winner since 2005.

Of course in October, the Red

Sox crushed the Colorado Rockies in a four game sweep. Mike Lowell was the MVP, Josh Beckett was lights out on the mound, and Jonathan Papelbon made a case to be on next year's Dancing With the Stars.

In November, the Patriots and Colts met in the latest battle of unbeaten teams in history. The Pats won thanks to a furious fourth quarter come back. Jimmie Johnson went on to win NASCAR's Nextel Cup for the second year in a row. Super Rookie Adrian Peterson broke the single game rushing record when he racked up a startling 286 yards against the San Diego Chargers.

In December, the Patriots completed their run towards perfection when they beat the New York Giants and became only the second team to finish the regular season undefeated. And they became the first team win 16 games in a regular season. Also, the much anticipated Mitchell Report came out. It revealed that Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Miguel Tejada and Eric Gagne were all taking illegal drugs. What Mitchell may have uncovered is a more serious problem. If Gagne was on steroids, they certainly weren't working. If more players wind up on Gagne's failuroids, baseball as we know it could fall apart.

Some other miscellaneous stories: Floyd Mayweather defeated Oscar De La Hoya and Ricky Hatton, solidifying himself as top pound for pound fighter. Dario Franchitti won the Indy 500. Kevin Harvick won the Daytona 500. Ichiro Suzuki hit an inside the park

home run in the All-Star game. Bob Knight became the all time winningest college coach. Greg Oden and Kevin Durant go 1-2 in the NBA draft, Oden will not play this season. Marion Jones was stripped of her 2000 Olympics medals due to her steroid use. Tiger Woods was golfer of the year in a shocker. The sports world lost Bill Walsh, Diego Corrales, Benny Parsons, Phil Rizzuto, Sean Taylor, Evel Knievel, and Darryl Stingley.

The halls of Wilmington High School were also abuzz with sporting success in 2007. In the beginning of the year, both basketball teams were working deep into the postseason. The boys, led by Greg Stewart, John Oliver and Dan Patterson, lost to a very good Watertown team. While the girls, led by 1,000 point scorer Ashley Vitale, lost an instant classic to Pentucket at the Tsongas Arena. On the ice, the girls team made it all the way to the state semi-final game, only to fall just short. Led by Colleen Magee, the girls had a phenomenal year and under coach Joe McMahon they were playing at an extremely high level.

Steve Sughrue became the first state wrestling champ since Derek Hanley. At the 103 pound division, Sughrue battled his way to the top, earning himself the title of state champion.

In the spring, the track team made headlines as well. The javelin trio of Shawn Fahey, Nick Farnsworth and Tom Barry had a combined distance long enough to be the new state record. Fahey alone also had an amazing year, breaking dis-

tance records. Stephanie Baima became a record holder in the high jump. Natalie Russo continues to be dominant in long distance running. The baseball team had a tough 2007 campaign, as they may have squandered their abundant talent. Some bright sports were Ernie Mello at third base, Brian Svensson on the mound, Carlton Lentini at second base and Kyle Lunt in the outfield.

In the fall, the football team won a share of the Cape Ann League title behind the running of Mello, who had a season that would make LaDanian Tomlinson blush. Linemen JJ Lyons and Kenny Joyce dominated on both sides of the ball, as did Corey Groves.

Both the boys and girls soccer teams made it to the state tournament, but both lost in the first round, the boys losing by way of penalty kicks. Goalie Vinny Papageorgiou played at a tremendously high level all year, one that has impressed people all around the state as he was named an all-scholastic in the Boston papers. The field hockey team had a rough year, but are always improving, and with their slew of underclassmen they should look better next year. There was plenty going on all year. And 2008 should be even better.

That's about all there is for the year that was. May 2008 be prosperous, healthy and safe. Happy watching, fans.

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Wildcats take fall flat in own tournament

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After Thursday night's loss to Burlington in the first round of the annual Knights of Columbus/Larry McGrath Memorial Christmas tournament, Wilmington High School boys basketball coach Jim McCune said he couldn't remember the last time one of his teams played in the consolation game. He also couldn't remember, nor could any fans, the last time the program laid an egg as big as the one that was laid during those four quarters.

"We're not playing with any chemistry, we're not playing with any heart and we're not playing with any effort," said McCune after the 67-53 defeat. "I just watch us and I see a lot of this cruising down the floor and that's not Wilmington basketball. That's not what Wilmington basketball is all about. There's no enthusiasm at all. And why is that because everyone is just so caught up in themselves that they're not worrying about the team."

"That's been the key to our success over the last ten to twelve years kids who have sacrificed. Look at Mike Jordan. There were games where he would score 24 points and come back and score two points but he didn't care. All those guys cared about was winning. Everyone knew they were good players. When Mike Jordan scored two points, he didn't stop playing at the other end."

Against Burlington, there was no passion, no electricity, and certainly no pat on the backs given to teammates. There was no defense, no passing on offense and just a big old blah kind of performance.

"We have a lot of guys struggling to score right now and we have guys who are not willing to get other guys quality shots,"

said McCune. "We don't have a lot of patience. I tell you what I'm embarrassed and I'm embarrassed by our effort. We were flat, no enthusiasm and we have guys who aren't scoring who don't play on the other end of the floor."

"(Burlington) played a box-and-one against Zack (Fahey) and we got plenty of good looks to the basket but couldn't score. I'll accept the blame for the guys who are shooting the ball because those are the guys who I think should be shooting the ball, and the guys who I have out on the floor I'm going with and I'm staying behind them but they need to step up and do it in a game. In no way am I going to say that at this point from what I have seen from our team for the first two or three weeks that I have the wrong guys out there playing and I have the wrong guys out there shooting the ball. I think I have the right guys out there. I think we need to play together better, absolutely that is missing. You don't see any assists - I don't know how many we had tonight but we only had two the other night and we didn't have much more tonight."

This Wilmington roster has the ability to be a force offensively, but the winning ingredient over the years with this program is defense, and on this night there wasn't a defender in sight at any point of the game.

"Our idea is to get Zack the ball in transition but if that doesn't work, we need to nail down some perimeter shots and I think we only made two or three tonight," said McCune. "I'm going to hang with them but I'm more disappointed with the lack of heart. It's not the guys who aren't playing, it's the guys who are playing. It's the lack of heart, it's the lack of awareness, they are not pay-

ing attention to detail defensively and there's no awareness of where the ball is and where their man is and them being in position."

"In my mind the game was lost because we didn't play defense. We gave up what 67 points tonight, we gave up 69 to Lynnfield the other night and when have you seen a Wilmington team give up 69 points in a game? We're in a zone (defense) because these guys refuse to play with heart in our own end. That's why we're in a zone, not to protect Matt Bibeau, because we have kids who refuse to play hard and they refuse to commit to defense. The only time they play defense is when they think there is a steal, or when they are scoring points."

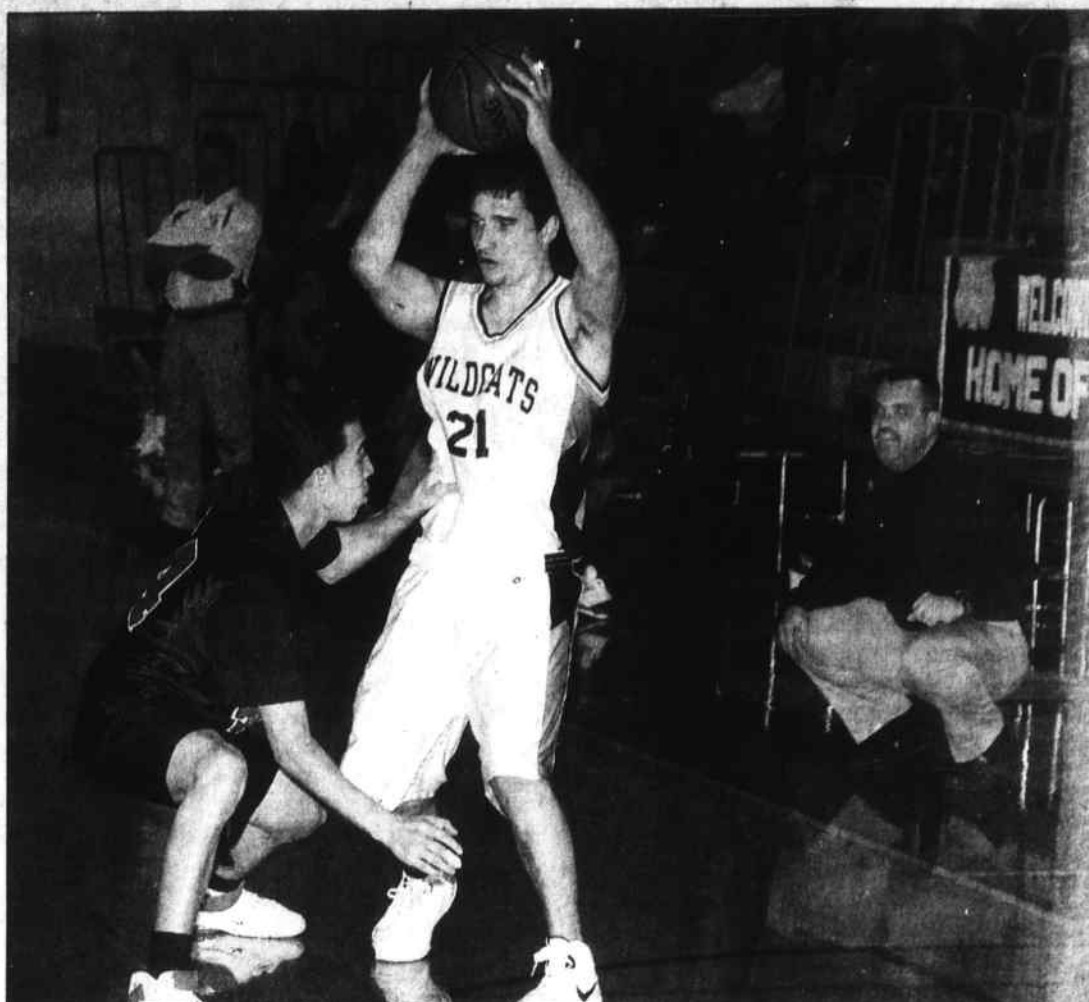
Wilmington trailed 17-10 after the first quarter and 33-27 at the end of the half. The 'Cats were able to cut the deficit to five after three straight field goals, but that was as close as they got. Burlington answered the 6-0 run by closing out the game outscoring Wilmington 29-20 over the last 15 minutes.

"If this doesn't get better, it's going to be who is going to do what I say versus who is not going to do what I say and then I'll make the rule," said McCune. "There's not much to say about this game except that I'm embarrassed with our heart. I thought we had enough good looks and open shots, and to play at a high level, we need to knock those down."

The next night, Wilmington defeated Revere in the consolation game, 76-62. The Wildcats held a three-point advantage at the halftime break before breaking the game wide open in the third quarter outscoring Revere, 27-9, before leading 70-45 with five minutes to go.

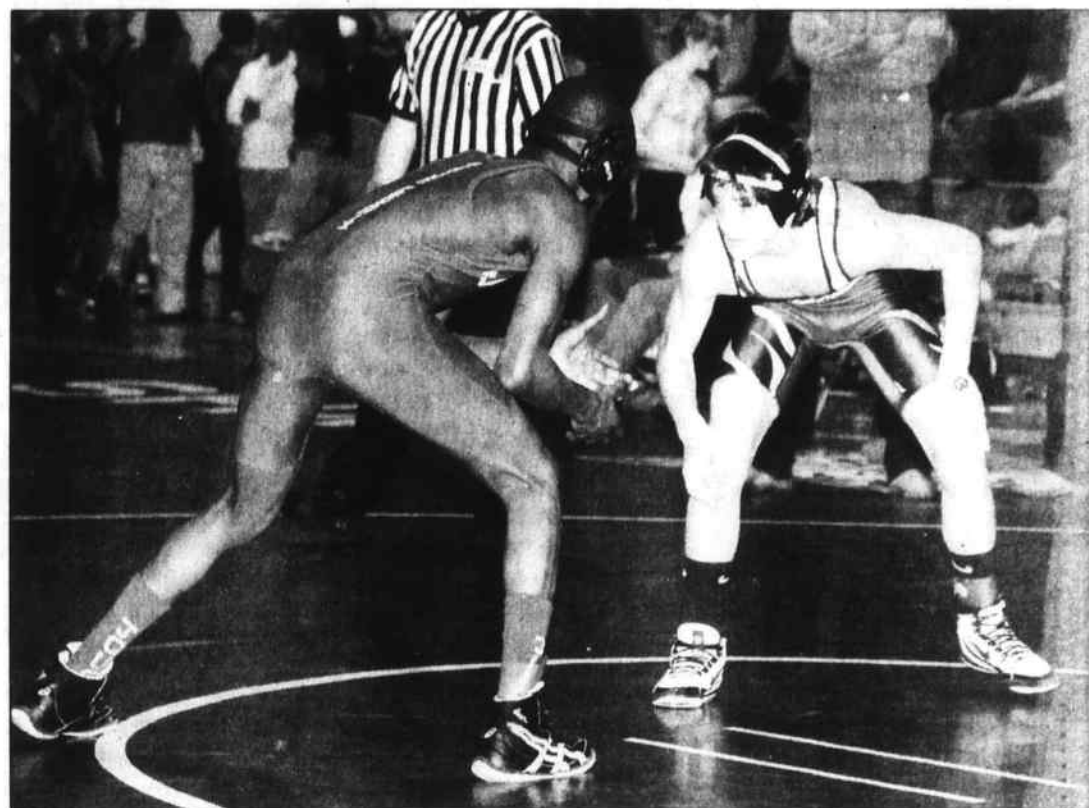
"(Friday night) the first thing

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Wilmington High's Mike Manganelli looks to make a pass during Thursday's win for the Wildcat boys basketball team in the consolation finals of the annual K of C McGrath tournament.

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Wilmington High's Steve Sughrue, a returning Division 3 state champion, is currently 14-1 on the season which includes winning this past weekend's Framingham Tournament in the 125-pound weight class.

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Three wrestlers place at Framingham tournament

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Three Wilmington High wrestling team had three place winners at this weekend's Framingham Invitational tournament. The Wildcats placed 12th out of 23 teams, with Steve Sughrue taking the 125-pound weight division, while, teammates Kenny Joyce (215) was second and John Tranfaglia (145) was sixth.

"As a team we're starting to come around," said head coach Mike Pimental. "Most of the guys are now winning a few matches every tournament and that's a great sign."

Sughrue, last year's 103-pound Division 3 state champion, pulled out a dramatic 8-6 overtime win against Framingham's Jeremy Reese to capture the 125-pound cham-

pionship.

"Stevie did great," said Pimental. "He was battling the flu and he came through like the champion he is. He's finding ways to get it done. There was a bad call against him giving (Reese) a point and putting the match into overtime, but Stevie put the kid in his place and won the match."

Sughrue is now 14-1 on the season, which is very impressive considering he bumped up three weight classes.

"(Bumping up the three weight classes) Stevie is doing great," said Pimental. "He's obviously facing tougher competition and he's made the big jump from 103 and he's proved that has not become a problem. Stevie has what it takes to win at any weight class. Sometimes you see kids who get bumped

up struggle because they are used to dominating and then when they get bumped up, they face tougher competition and they get pushed and sometimes they cave in. But Stevie's not like that. He's technically savvy, he grinds out wins and just finds a way to pull out matches."

Senior Kenny Joyce went to the final and was defeated by Steve Saba of Methuen, 6-2.

"This was an excellent weekend for Kenny," said Pimental. "It gives him confidence for the future. Kenny has been in the finals once and the semifinals a few times, so he's proved that he can do it. He has all of the tools but with him it's a matter of proving it to himself and believing in himself."

In last week's edition, it was printed that Joyce went 2-0 in a quad meet when in fact he went 3-0. One of his three wins was a seven second pin which goes down as one of the quickest pins in school's history but not the quickest. Brian Murray of the class of 1991, won a match with a four second pin, which is still the school record.

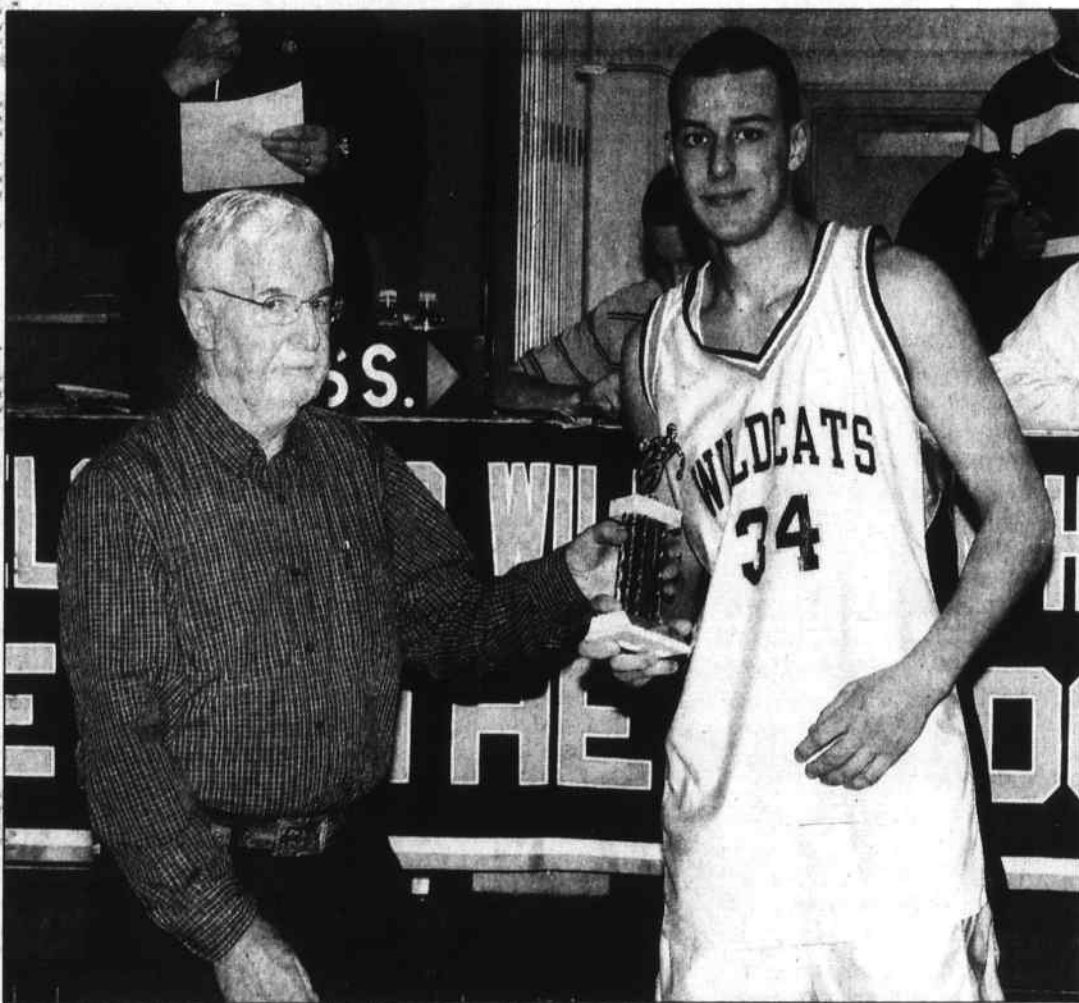
John Tranfaglia wrapped up the place finishers, by taking sixth. He won two matches, and also lost three very close ones, two of which by a combined three points.

Tony Valente (152) and Anthony Nihan (171) finished 3-2 during competition.

"Tony got some really good wins and he's really starting to look comfortable out there," said Pimental. "And Anthony is another guy who is starting to gain confidence. He just has to believe in himself and he's going to take off."

Sean Adams (112) and Billy Liston (189) both had two wins each, while, Mike DeNufrio picked up one.

Wilmington will compete in the Haverhill tournament this weekend.



Wilmington High senior Matt Bibeau was named to the Christmas Tournament's All-Star team. He receives his trophy from Bud Callahan, who represents the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, one of the sponsors of the four-team tournament.

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Tewksbury Youth girls basketball round-up

Junior Division

Rockers 28 vs. Storm 14

Excellent play Rockers!! We had Alysa DiFrancia with 14 pts., Colleen Kelly with 8 pts., Cristina Gath with 4 pts., and Heather Doyle with 2 pts. Quick on defense as always was Haley Pozzuto, Heather Doyle and Colleen Kelly. Katie Dunlevy, Melissa Markwarth and Christina Gath did a great job under the basket and freeing themselves of the opposing defense! Alysa DiFrancia did a superb job rebounding!! Great team play!

The Storm had a great game. They played hard on both offense and defense. Scoring for the Storm were Erica Dirk and Caleigh Finneral with 4 pts. each, Caitlin Carroll, Taylor Donahue and Nikki Doucette with 2 pts. each. Defensive players of the game were Taylor Donahue, Caitlin Carroll, Caleigh Finneral, Erica Dirk and Nikki Doucette.

Sparks 20 vs. Lynx 4

The Sparks earned their first victory of the season over a tough Lynx team. June Garcia, Marissa Mariel, and Samantha Lopolito displayed great rebounding ability while Sara Baptista, Francesca Cocca, Megan Timmins and Maddy Burgoyne showed their defensive abilities. Chelsea Grant lead the Sparks in scoring 6 points in the first quarter.

Contributing to the scoring was Marissa Marciel with 6 points, June Garcia with four points, Estelle Penta and Megan Timmins with 2 points each. Estelle Penta, Francesca Cocca, and Sara Baptista did a great job in slowing down the Lynx offense. This was one of those games where both teams played extremely well. Way to go Sparks!!!

Scoring for the Lynx were Toni Joy and Emily Veloso with 2 pts. each.

Monarchs 22 vs. Comets 13

Led by Alexis Chaets' 8 points, the Monarchs beat the Comets while Mary Crowe, Nicole Petherbridge, and Lacey Hartigan played outstanding defense holding the Comets to only 13 points. Meghan Braciska, Michelle Creedon, Jamie Ray all had 4 points apiece while Molly Harrington chipped in a bucket rounding out the offensive attack in the 22 point effort for the Monarchs.

The Comets battled and battled but fell to a tough Monarchs team. The offense was lead by Carlye Slavin with 11 pts. and Jessica Guida with 2 pts. Kirsten Dick, Cassie Frioio and Jacqueline Nofle played great defense and were named defensive players of the game. The coaching staff was very happy with the team effort.

Mercury 16 vs. Starzz 6

The Mercury team played a strong game from start to finish. The passing by Ashley Colarusso, Marina Russo and Karalyn Gallella helped Hillary Fletcher score a sensational basket. Sandra Fleming hustled all over the court and had many rebounds. Scoring was led by Lisa Petrowski 8 pts., Hillary Fletcher and Lindsey Cossar with 2 pts. each. Britney Fletcher was named defensive player of the game.

Scoring for the Starzz were Eva Barinelli with 4 pts., and Erin Henry with 2 pts.

Intermediate Division

Wildcats 34 vs. Cougars 14

The girls were a little short-handed but they pulled together for the win. After being held scoreless in the first quarter, Meredith Bonugli (10 points) came out on fire in the second quarter contributing in every offensive play. Melissa Cordwell (8 points) and Haley Golini (12 points) worked hard stealing balls and fast breaking for easy lay-ups. Linda Ferreria and Rachel Kelleher (2 pts. each) worked hard on

offense and defense. Molly Tibbetts and Emily Hamilton pulled down lots of rebounds and blocked the Cougars' shots. Emily Hamilton was named defensive player of the game.

A good effort by the Cougars against a tough Wildcats team. High scorers for the Cougar's were Meagan Blaisdell, Britnee DellArciprete and Michelle Hopkinson each with 4 points. Rounding out the scoring for the Cougar's were Samantha Campbell and Kaitlyn Gordon with 2 points each. Ashlee DellArciprete, Allie Christopher, Melissa Mackey and Jennifer Maddaleni also played well for the Cougars. Meagan Blaisdell had another great game defensively and was named Defensive Player of the Game for the 2nd week in a row.

Eagles 29 vs. Tar Heels 20

Scoring for the Eagles were Nicole Chaet and Nicole DePiero with 10 pts. each, Nicole Hamel with 4 pts., Mariah Culwell, Marisa Harrington and Brittney Pachucki with 2 pts. each.

The Tar Heels suffered their first defeat of the season falling to a very good Eagles team. Rachel Pendleton was the star of the game sinking 6 points and showing great hustle. Alex Mecherkany chipped in with 4 pts. and played stellar defensive in the low post with several rejections. Julia Bodini added 4 pts. while Abby Donahue, Jennifer Iannacci and Gabi Mecherkany each scored 2 pts. On the defensive end, Anna Piccolo, Michaela Swift, Josie Saiz and Megan Sheppard made things tough on the Eagles offense. Congratulations to both teams for a well-played game.

Waves 28 vs. Huskies 17

Total team defensive won this game. Great passing and good shot selection by the entire team were the keys to victory. Scoring for the Waves

were Olivia Gallella with 10 pts., Tiffanie Marsh and Allie Tierney with 6 pts. each, Kimberly Brekalis with 4 pts. and Courtney Graffeo with one point. Defensive player of the game was Bethany Scott.

Ashley Pozzuto scored a team high 8 pts. to lead the Huskies against a tough Waves team. The Huskies kept it close for three quarters behind the shooting of Shannon Semenza with 5 pts. However, in the fourth quarter the Waves pulled away. Rounding out the scoring for the Huskies were Sara Semenza and Britney Sullivan with 2 pts. each. Defensive player of the game was Marina Callahan.

Wolverines 26 vs. Crusaders 19

A great game played by both teams. The Wolverines showed the affects of the Holidays by missing many opportunities in the first half. In the second half the Wolverines pulled together nicely for the win. Scoring for the Wolverines were Shana Chartienitz with 11 pts., Christine Kang with 7 pts. and Stephanie Champoux with 4pts. Chelsea Porcaro was named defensive player of the game.

The Crusaders took an early lead in the first half leading 10-7 at halftime. The Wolverines put up 20 points in the second half to secure the victory. Scoring for the Crusaders were Meghan Sears with 5 pts., Shannon McLaughlin with 4 pts., Jillian Phaneuf and Kim Tecce with 3 points each, Meaghan McLaughlin and Devin Kelly with two points apiece. Meaghan McLaughlin was named defensive player of the game.

Terriors 35 vs. Cardinals 33

A great game played by both teams, a real nail biter. Great defense played by the Terriors for the win. Defensive players of the game were Renee Stronach, Marissa Liggiero and Danielle Newhall.

Scoring for the Terriors were Arianna Medeiros with 27 points and Taylor Simas with 8 points.

Scoring for the Cardinals were Katherine Stimpson with 19 points, Haley Callahan with 8 points, Jamie Cohen with 4 points and Jennifer Cobuccio with one point.

Jayhawks 22 vs. Falcons 12

Scoring for the Jayhawks were Caitlin Morris with 8 points, Brooke Patterson with 5 pts., Mackenzie Pierce with 3 pts. and Bridget Casey and Leanne Lozowski with 2 points apiece.

Scoring for the Falcons were Ally Braciska with 6 points, Kelly Quigley with 4 points and Kelsey Damp with 2 points.

Seniors

Pacers 29 vs. Spurs 19

The Pacers and Spurs played good hard basketball in the first half with the Pacers ending the 2nd quarter with a slight lead. The pacers picked up their defensive intensity in the second half, and along with good ball management, they were able to pull away to victory. Congratulations to both teams for a well played game. Christine Dick and Andrea Hardy had 8 points each. Meghan Hamilton had 5 points and Amy DeFrancesco and Brittney Wallace each had 4 points. Natalie Roberts was named defensive player of the game.

Behind strong rebounding, the Pacers defeated the Spurs 29-19. Hayley Malone made some key baskets (9 points) and Jessie Bissett (6 points), Siobhan Coleman (2 points), Katie Vultaggio (1 point), and Sheri Liggiero (1 point) played tough. Sydney Lopolito and Emily Hartigan hustled and played well for the Spurs.

Blazers 37 vs. Raptors 16

The best team effort thus far by the Blazers. Excellent passing followed by a good defensive team effort against a very talented Raptors team. High scorers were Kaylyn

Michaud (10 pts.), Francesca Pesantes and Stephanie Casino (6 pts. each), Brooke Litwinsky, Maggie Middleton and Alyssa Martucci each had 4 points. Michelle Gavin chipped in with 3 points and was named defensive player of the game along with Francesca Pesantes. Great team effort.

Scoring for the Raptors were Paige Gumbrecht with 9 points, Alyssa Kelly with 6 points and Andrea Caprio with 1 point.

Sonics 36 vs. Jazz 29

The Sonics really needed to bring their "A" game against a tough Jazz team. The offense was led by Courtney Spinelli (9 pts.) and Liz Carie (8 pts.) Four other Sonics helped with Lauren Teixeira and Krista Petrone both getting 6 points, Renee Conlin (4 pts.) and Jen Bowers (3 pts.) also added to the scoring power. The tough defense was led by Lauren Spencer and Alyssa Guida, both named defensive players of the game, with help from Katie Conklin and Lauren Teixeira.

Scoring for the Jazz were Shelby Madore with 12 points, Sarah Hogan with 5 points, Hayley Austin and Shiana Licker with 4 points each and Rachel Hurton and Kallely Tirabassi with 2 points each.

Magic 30 vs. Wizards 26

Scoring for the Magic were Jessica Fortier with 8 points, Amanda Cossar with 6 points, Brooke Mallahan, Taylor Marshall and Gina Papageorgiou with 4 points apiece and Nicole Devoe and Stephanie Evangelista with 2 points each.

Scoring for the Wizards were Christina Lussardi with 8 points, Kimberly Fairweather with 7 points, Allyson Trayah with 4 points, Nicole McColgan with 3 pts., and Elizabeth Connolly with 2 points.

Sixth grade boys compete in Christmas tournament

The Tewksbury 6th Grade "Red" team traveled up to Plaistow during the Christmas week and played some exiting games in the Rockingham Athletic Club Christmas Tournament. The Redmen won their first three games to advance to the 6th grade finals before losing in disappointing fashion in the championship game.

The Redmen were paired up against Pentucket, NH in the first game of the tourney and won the game with a strong second half 35-26. Nick Cambio was a force in this game as he powered his way for 17 points to lead the Redmen attack. Kevin

Dick (5 pts.) and Christos Kourkoulos (4 pts) controlled the offense from the point guard position and Andrew Magnell sparked the teams' second half surge with some key steals on the defensive end.

The Redmen won their next game in a down to the last second thriller against Hampton, NH 34-32. No one knew at the time that this would be a precursor to an even more thrilling game the following day. But, in this game Matt Lacascia was

the hero down the stretch as he hit a smooth 3-point jumper to tie the game with thirty seconds left; and nailed two clutch free throws with three seconds left on the clock to lift the Redmen to the victory. Timmy Donovan also had a hot hand as he led all scorers with 10 points and Brandon Evangelista

knocked down a couple of jumpers to help the Redmen keep pace.

The defensive star for this game was Michael Ryan as he forced the Hampton shooters out of their range and hustled his way for some big steals in the second half.

The following day the seeds were set for the championship round and the Redmen were

again facing Hampton in the semi-final round. This one ended up even more exciting than the day before as Tewksbury won in triple overtime 27-26. As you can tell by the score defense was the name of the game for both teams in this one.

Nick Harvey and Nick Cambio led the charge as they combined for 21 points and played some immense defense down the stretch. Hampton hit an outside shot and the Redmen found themselves down by 2 points with only 7.5 seconds left in regulation and things did not look promising. But, the boys were charged up in the time-out huddle; they came out and got the ball quickly inside to Cambio who drove hard to the bucket and banked in a clutch shot to force overtime. The defense of Harvey, Cambio, Dick, Donovan and Lacascia shut down Hampton in the overtime periods; and one free throw by Cambio in the third overtime proved to be the difference to allow the Redmen to advance to

the championship game.

Pentucket was the foe in the championship game, as they advanced with an equally thrilling overtime win against Andover. They proved to be a lot tougher this time around as the Redmen fell 27-21. The Redmen again played tough defense but were very sluggish on the offensive end and could not get their shots to fall. Dominic Rosado and Danny Donovan provided some spark in the second half as they each hit clutch shots to keep the game tied down the stretch; but in the waning moments the shots could not find the bottom of the net and the Redmen were forced to foul. Pentucket hit their free throws to take the game by 6 points.

Although the boys (and coaches) were disappointed with the championship game loss; all in all it was a pretty exciting and fun couple of days of basketball.

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The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 22, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #07-10, entitled, "Site Plan, Windsor Place of Wilmington, Assisted Living Facility"; dated December 19, 2007, submitted on December 21, 2007 by Paino Associates II, L.P. c/o Attorney Robert G. Peterson; prepared by Benchmark Survey, 38 Montvale Ave., Suite 180, Stoneham, MA 02180. Said property is located at 320 - 322 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 73 Parcels 53 & 53B. This project will construct an assisted living facility containing 99 beds. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
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Wilmington
Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 06P3369G11

In the Matter of

FRANK DEFINO

OF TEWKSBURY

In the County of MIDDLESEX

NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR APPOINTMENT

OF GUARDIAN OF

MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To FRANK DEFINO of

TEWKSBURY in the County of

MIDDLESEX, and his heirs

apparent or presumptive, a petition

as amended has been filed in

the above captioned matter alleging

that said FRANK DEFINO of

TEWKSBURY in the County of

MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill

person and praying that PAT

KEHOE of LOWELL in the

County of MIDDLESEX or some

other suitable person be appointed

guardian, to serve without

surety of the person.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT

THERE TO, YOU OR YOUR

ATTORNEY MUST FILE A

WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN

SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE

ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK

IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM)

ON JANUARY 10, 2008.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W.

LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First

Justice of said Court at CAM-

BRIDGE this day, November 30,

2007.

1.2.08 John R. Buonomo

6106 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 07P5433EP1

In the Estate of

MALVENA DIGIOVANNI AKA

MALVENA F. DIGIOVANNI

Late of TEWKSBURY

In the County of MIDDLESEX

Date of Death November 5, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the

above captioned estate, a petition

has been presented praying that

a document purporting to be the

last will of said decedent be

proved and allowed, and that

LINDA L. NEELEY of ALTON

BAY in the State of NEW HAMPSHIRE

be appointed executrix,

named in the will to serve with-

out surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT

THERE TO, YOU OR YOUR

ATTORNEY MUST FILE A

WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN

SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE

ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK

IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM)

ON JANUARY 18, 2008.

In addition, you must file a writ-

ten affidavit of objections to the

petition, stating specific facts and

grounds upon which the objection

is based, within thirty (30) days

after the return day (or such

other time as the court, on

motion with notice to the peti-

tioner, may allow) in accordance

with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W.

LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First

Justice of said Court at CAM-

BRIDGE this day, December 18,

2007.

1.2.08 John R. Buonomo

6101 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 22, 2008 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Multi-Family Special Permit and Site Plan Review #07-1, entitled, "Site Plan in Wilmington, Mass."; dated September 30, 2004, and last revised November 5, 2007; prepared by William J. Eldredge, Trustee c/o Robert G. Peterson, Esq. submitted on December 21, 2007 by Robert G. Peterson, Esq. for William J. Eldredge; prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 603 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. Said property is located at 36 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 42 Parcel 33A. This application is to amend the special permit for mixed use building by eliminating the existing dwelling at 36 Middlesex Avenue and replacing the same with three newly constructed townhouse units. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Town Hall and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
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Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN MEETING

WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 3, 2008, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2008.

Michael J. Newhouse,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
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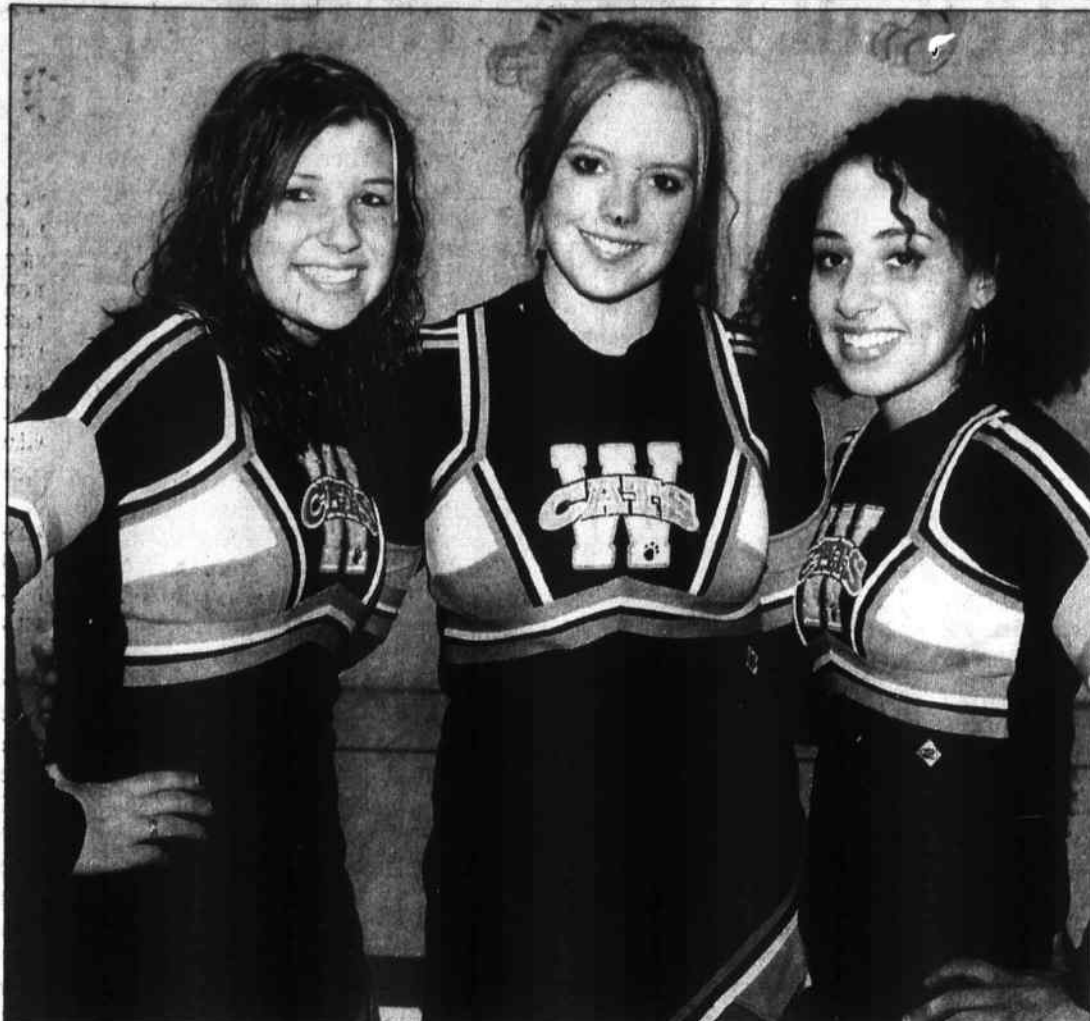
TOWN OF WILMINGTON



VOTER REGISTRATION:

Last day to register to vote for the Presidential Primary on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 will be WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 p.m. The office will also be doing Passports that night. Please call the Clerk's office at 978-658-2030.

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The 2007-'08 Wilmington High Basketball Cheerleading captains include from left, Kim Ciampa, Kayla Ward and Jessie Crowley.

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Boys fall flat in own tourney

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we did was flushed away (Thursday night's game)," said McCune. "I was looking for two things out of this game (against Revere). I was looking for the defensive end and I was looking for hustle. We wanted to go out and take it to them and we wanted that mentality back. We weren't going to tolerate any

poor defense. We didn't talk about the offense. All we said was to continue with what we did, and tonight offensively I thought we were fine. The ball moved and we hit some shots. We took the same shots as we did (Thursday night) but (on Friday) we hit them, whereas (Thursday) we missed. But I

think (Friday) I was really, really proud of how hard we worked."

Wilmington is now 4-1 on the season and will take on both Ipswich and Newburyport at home on Friday and Tuesday night, respectively.

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thurs	Jan 3	JV Boys Hockey	at Central Catholic	4:00 PM
Thurs	Jan 3	V Gymnastics	at Dracut	7:00 PM
Fri	Jan 4	Fr B/G Hoop	vs Chelmsford	4:00 PM
Fri	Jan 4	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Chelmsford	6/7:30 PM
Fri	Jan 4	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Chelmsford	6/7:30 PM
Sat	Jan 5	JV Boys Hockey	vs Boston Latin	9:30 AM
Sat	Jan 5	Fr Track	MSTCA Meet	9:30 AM
Sat	Jan 5	Wrestling	at Dracut	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 5	V Hockey	vs Methuen	7:30 PM
Mon	Jan 7	V Gymnastics	at Lowell	7:00 PM
Tues	Jan 8	Fr G/B Hoop	at Haverhill	3:30/4:45 PM
Tues	Jan 8	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Haverhill	6/7:30 PM
Tues	Jan 8	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Haverhill	6/7:30 PM
Wed	Jan 9	JV Boys Hockey	at Lowell	2:45 PM
Wed	Jan 9	B/G Track	vs Billerica	3:30 PM
Wed	Jan 9	V Gymnastics	at Malden	6:00 PM
Wed	Jan 9	Wrestling	at Central Catholic	7:00 PM
Wed	Jan 9	V Hockey	vs Dracut	7:00 PM

Wilmington High Sports

Fri	Jan 4	Fr Girls Hoop	at Ipswich	3:30 PM
Fri	Jan 4	JV Boys Hockey	at Chelmsford	3:30 PM
Fri	Jan 4	Fr Boys Hoop	vs Ipswich	4:00 PM
Fri	Jan 4	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Ipswich	5/6:30 PM
Fri	Jan 4	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Ipswich	5:30/7PM
Sat	Jan 5	Wrestling	at Haverhill Tourney	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 5	V Boys Hockey	vs Triton	4:40 PM
Sun	Jan 6	B/G Track	Fr/So Meet	10:00 AM
Mon	Jan 7	JV Boys Hockey	vs Shawsheen Tech	2:30 PM
Tues	Jan 8	Fr/JV/V Girls Hoop	at Newburyport	3:30/5/6:30 PM
Tues	Jan 8	Fr/JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Newburyport	4/5:30/7 PM
Wed	Jan 9	Fr/JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Methuen	4/5:30/7 PM
Wed	Jan 9	Wrestling	at N. Andover	6:30 PM
Wed	Jan 9	V Girls Hockey	vs Masconomet	7:20 PM

Wilmington Recreational Basketball League round-up

Big 10 - Boys Grade 3

Iowa 12, Ohio St. 5
Leading the way for Iowa was Jordan Russo with a game high of 6 points. Three other players each had a basket including Daniel Judkins. David Bell and Conor Griffin played very well. Ohio State was led by two players to total the team's 5 points. Bryan Domek had 3 points while Zachary Richards added in the other 2. Harley Monteiro and Jake Ponte gave it their all the entire game.

Minnesota 19, Michigan 12
Doing the damage for the Wolverines was Quintin DiStefano with a game high of 9 points. Michael Cocca also added in 6 points. Joshua Buske and Patrick Dullea played outstanding defense down the stretch. Scott Stenson led the way for Minnesota with 6 points. Bobby Gostanian added in an additional 4 points. Zachary Grassia and Jack Sweeney were making Michigan's offense seem easy at certain points with their outstanding passing.

Purdue 22, Indiana 6
Purdue had a pair of 8-point scorers in the game on Saturday. Stephen Bonish and Cameron Walsh were the culprits in this case. Devin McNea and Jackson Smith played shut down defense that put this game away rather soon. Indiana had three scorers each adding a basket. These three were Camden Connor, Ryan Maher, and Richard Gottschalk. Robbie DuCharme was very positive and upbeat regardless of what the score said.

Wisconsin 19, Penn St. 12
Edmond DeAngelo did the damage for Wisconsin with 8 while D.J. Kenney threw in 4 points. Jeremy Tingdahl and Duncan Baron played very well especially the final two minutes that put this game away and in the victory column for the Badgers. Penn St. had all its damage done by Matthew Mangano. Young Matthew had a game high of 12 points and was simply unstoppable throughout the game. Alec Bonaccorsi and David Woods did all they could to keep this game close.

Big East - Boys Grades 4&5
Georgetown 39, Cincinnati 10
Georgetown's offense was too much for Cincinnati to handle as Georgetown posted a 29-

point victory. Leading the attack was the duo of Dylan Masiello and Ryan Walsh scoring 11 and 10 points respectively. Ryan Fischer and Gino Martignetti were next in line as they both contributed 8 points. Justin Wright rounded out the scoring with a basket of his own.

Cincinnati put up a great fight for the whole game as Ronald Judkins and Kyle Callahan both led the attack with 4 points. Joseph Visalli finished the day with 2 more. Sean Lowney played great on both ends for Cincinnati.

Providence 20, UConn 14
Robert Fullerton led the Providence attack with 10 points. Alex Popa was next in line with 6 points and Ben Rohleder contributed the final 4 points. Justin Kannally was the Huskies leading scorer with 8 points. Lucas Garrity threw in 4 more, while Nathan Vince finished the day with 2 of his own. Jack Stanford, Steven Dickson, Conor Bailey, and Matthew Leiskau all played with great hustle and determination for their respective teams.

Villanova 22, Marquette 14
Villanova had game high scorer Ryan Horgan lead the way with 14 points. Michael Amato contributed 6 more while Danny Valerio rounded out the scoring with a deuce. Brian Neal led the attack for Marquette with 9 points. Andrew Vellucci and Kevin LaLiberte combined for the final 6 points scoring 3 and 2 points respectively. Jacob Vieira, Mark Jeannette, Jake Girardi, and Andrew Lesperance all made many key plays for their teams.

Syracuse 14, DePaul 12
In this week's exciting game, Syracuse managed to hold on to a 2-point lead and the victory. Joe Castellano was the game's leading scorer with 6 points. Kurtis O'Byrne threw in 4 more, while Zachary Thomas and Brandon Dembowski had 2 points apiece. Steven Godfrey and Alex Menzel led the way for DePaul as they each had 4 points. Nick Menzel and Shawn Reardon completed the scoring with a deuce apiece. Zachary Toto, Scott Newton, Timothy Scalona, Michael Gake, and Joshua Genthner all had great games for their teams.

West Virginia 21,
St. John's 20

In the second exciting game this week, West Virginia managed to cling to a 1-point lead and a well-deserved win. The duo of Evan Raffi and Ryan Donnell, with 9 and 8 points respectively, led West Virginia's attack.

Craig Venezia and Nicolas Raffi completed the scoring as they each had a basket. Thomas Simmons and Devin Field, each with 7 points, led St. John's. Liam Reynolds had 4 more points, while Antonio Lariffarello threw in the final 2. Zach Rourke and Joseph O'Donoghue both made many key stops on the defensive end for their teams.

Rutgers 18, Notre Dame 9
Zachary Abbot led the offensive attack for Rutgers as he finished the day with 9 points. Nicholas Trevisone threw in 5 of his own, while Luke McInnis finished the scoring with the final 4 points. Notre Dame put up a great fight, but fell just short as they were led by Zachary Leighton with 4 points. John Pasquariello was next in line with 3 and Andrew Hanlon had the final deuce. Chris Fiore, David Krueger, Darrien James, and Mike Dancewicz all played great on both ends of the floor for their teams.

Pittsburgh 22, Louisville 6
Patrick Keough finished with 12 points and led Pittsburgh to victory. Justin Leger and Nicholas Poli each finished with 4, while Jonathan Perella contributed the final 2 points. Louisville played a great game as the whole team played with tremendous hustle. Fox Maxwell, Curtis Jean-Francois, and Colin Scanlon all scored a basket in the game for Louisville. Mason Ouellette, Jacob Tague, and Daniel Bell all had great games for their teams.

Conference USA - Boys
Grades 6&7
Houston 35, Marshall 31
Doing the damage for Houston was Brian Priem with 12 points. William MacKinnon and Matthew Chircosta each added in 8 points. Zack Patz and Dylan Walsh played an outstanding all around game even though they did not score a basket. David Arria had a monster game for Marshall with a game high of 19 points. Daniel Pendenza added in 5 points. Niko Pappas and Brandon Keefe played the best defense

they could to try and help Marshall win the game.

Tulane 38, Memphis 31
Tulane was lead by Nicholas Dirienzo who had a game high of 15 points. Connor Burke added in 8 while Alex Girardi poured in 6 points. Jonathan Mack and Brendan Ahern played very clutch defense in the final two minutes to seal this victory. Doing the damage for Memphis was Mark Connolly with 14 points. Arthur Papastathis added in an additional 11 points to keep this a game. Craig Smith and Zachary Riel were absolute monsters on the boards.

E. Carolina 40, Tulsa 39
This was a very, very good game the entire 40 minutes of action with only a two-point deficit at halftime. The Vibert brothers combined for 31 points with Tyler having 25 and Troy having the other 6 points. Stephen Valenti and Ryan Holloran played very well and

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Wilmington Recreational Basketball League round-up

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didn't let Tulsa have a chance to win this game. Tulsa had very balanced scoring with Anthony Castellano and Troy Homola each adding in 8 points. Keenan Beraldi had 7 while Wayne Barne added 6 points. Jake MacIsaac had a key basket down the stretch. Jacob Dalke also shut down his man at the end of the game to try and keep this game as close as possible.

UTEP 31, UAB 25

The theme "Close Saturday" continues here in this game. UTEP had a two-headed monster that did all the scoring for the Miners. Sam Silva had a game high of 20 points. Kevin Meuse scored the other 11 points. Alex Ball and Jared Lloyd were simply outstanding. UAB had some balanced scoring going on with three players scoring 6 or more points. Shamus Gibbons lead this pack



Female Athlete of the Year: Katie Cole.

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FROM PAGE SP1W

year Cape Ann League all-star in soccer, leading the team to back-to-back state tournament appearances. Cole was second on the team in scoring both her junior and senior seasons, but really had more influence in the team's defense and setting up the offense, than she did in actual offensive opportunities.

"Katie has been a four-year varsity player and has shown steady improvement throughout her career," said Hendee. "She proved to be an effective leader as she helped in building team spirit, camaraderie, and unity with a very young team this year. She is a smart player who creates scoring opportunities by seeing the field, moving to the ball, and maintaining composure once she has control of the ball. Katie was a key player in transition from defense to offense, and she will be missed next year."

Much like her good friend Taryn Martinello from the year before, Cole played a style where if you really knew the game of soccer you realize how well she played. If you didn't know the game that well, she wouldn't stick out.

"I didn't always score," she said. "Sometimes I had trouble finishing (my scoring chances). But my role was more transition from defense to offense. If I didn't have a chance to score, I would check the ball back, or pass it to another forward. I think one of my best things is being able to pass the ball and see the whole field. Ms. Hendee would always say that."

Ms. Hendee would always say that because it's true. Katie Cole is a very good student-athlete. She's fourth in her class, is a two sport all-star and more than anything she's someone who sees the entire picture. It's like she drew it up during a Saturday morning Art Class.

with 11 points. Matthew Curran and Ryan Cocco added in 6 points apiece. Vinny Poli also scored a basket. William Simmons had some great passes that lead to UAB getting some easy shots.

Central Florida 40, Southern Miss 21

Tom Letellier blew up on this Saturday with a WRBL season high of 28 points. Brian Nazzalo and Ryan Sweeney each added in 4 points. Kyle Reppucci and James Carroll were outstanding the entire game. Southern Miss was lead by Tim Hunt who had 8 points. Dan Hope added in 7 points. Michael Marinella and Tim Masiello played very well on defense and also on the boards.

SMU 42, Rice 18

SMU had 5 players on the roster that scored no less than 6-points apiece, including 2 players with 10 points. Christopher Palmerino and Zachary Shepard were the two players that had 10 points. Two players had 8 points in Sam Borsetti and Blake Walker. SMU also had Christopher Newton who added in the other 6 points. Doing the damage for Rice was Dylan Champey with 9 points while Eli Jennings added 4. Robert Brabant and Thomas Feindel were very encouraging to fellow teammates despite how high the score got.

NBA - Boys Grades 8-10

Bulls 70, Lakers 29

The Bulls continue their dominance as they came away with a convincing win this week. Leading the Bulls attack was Chris Frissore with 26 points, including 2 treys. Matt McKenna was next in line with 10 points, while Marty Bamberg, Trevor Foley, and Derek Duggan all threw in 8 point apiece. Jon Terlaga had another 6 and Anthony Belino and EJ Boggia combined for the final 4 points in the win.

Zachary Copp led the way for the Lakers as he had 10 points. Jimmy Welch was next in line with 7, while Ben Levine and Denis Gingras had 3 points apiece. Jonathan Fabiano, Matthew Costello, and Adam Saperia each finished the day with a basket.

Grizzlies 41, Nets 36

Derek O'Dea led the way for the Grizzlies as he had 22 points on the day. Bryan Fennelly was next in line with 7 and Adam Kline had another 7. Jeff Kannally rounded out the scoring with 4 points of his own. Leading the way for the Nets was Derek Queen with 9 points. Omais Shaikh, Zach Anderson, and Joseph Fitzgerald all contributed 6 points apiece and Cameron Shepard had another 4. Robbie Fisher and Ryan Pennie combined for the final 5 points as they scored 3 and 2 points respectively.

Hornets 47, Heat 45

The Hornets held onto a 2-point lead as they were able to come away with a victory this week. The duo of Chris DiCecca and Mike Kelly led the way for the Hornets as they scored 21 and 17 points respectively. Kelly threw in two treys in the victory. Jimmy Bonish was next in line with 7 points. Chris DiAgostino threw in the final basket for the Hornets. Michael Wilkinson led the Heat with 24 points. Andrew Wells

was next in line with 10 points. Richard Barry, Nicholas D'Amelio, Justin Bleier, and Kelly Carter combined for the final 11 points as they scored 4, 3, 2, and 2 points respectively.

Cavaliers 57, Nuggets 54

A Nolan Giroux 3 pointer at the buzzer allowed for a Cavalier victory. Giroux finished the day with 5 points including that trey. Mike Gracia led the attack as he was the day's leading scorer with 29 total points. Ian Sullivan threw in 10 of his own, while Dave Mello had another 7. Dylan Sullivan rounded out the scoring with a basket of his own. Michael Arria led the way for the Nuggets with 23 points. Sean Hanley finished in double digits as well as he had another 12. Pat Enwright was next in line with 9 points and Joe Warren contributed 4 more. Steve Taylor, Bob Cameron, and Kyle Skinner all had 2 points on the day.

Knicks 34, Wizards 26

The Knicks were led by the duo of Mike Amentola and Alex Donas with 14 and 11 points respectively. Wayne Knoop contributed 5 points, while Eric Lee threw in 4 points of his own. Jonathan Stratouly had a great game for the Knicks as he made many key plays on both ends of the Floor. The Wizards received offense from every present player as Andrew Flood led the attack with 10 points. Tim Kent was next in line with 5 and Andrew LaRosa had another 4. Bryan Feindel threw in 3 more, while Mark Wadland and Richard Bibber each had a basket in the game.

Atlantic 10 -

Girls Grades 3&4

Rhode Island 11, Dayton 6

This game was very defensive oriented the entire first half and a good portion of the second half. Leading the way for Rhode Island was Teresa Gracia with 6 points while Alexa Papastathis scored 3. Melissa McNamara and Sonia Purohit were beasts on the defensive end. Doing damage for Dayton was the one man or in this case woman-scoring machine of Kaila Bavin: Kyra Walsh, Siobhan Reidy, and Jessica Backman's ability to lock down their opposition on defense kept this game close all the way to the finish.

Xavier 31, Richmond 9

The Musketeers were lead by a new high scorer this season. Marisa Butler led the way with a game high of 14 points. Casey McFall and Caitlin Ferreira were right behind her with 6 and 4 points respectively. Sophie Consorti made some incredible passes to give Marisa, Casey, and Caitlin some easy shots. Shannon Mota again continued to shine for Richmond with a team high of 6 points. Keara Martins added a bucket while Molly O'Shea added another. Katelyn Stevens and Shannon Horgan receive a Tommy point from me for their all out hustle throughout the game.

Charlotte 8, Temple 4

This game was defensive oriented the entire 40 minutes. On this day Charlotte had only two people scoring. Leading this pack was Samantha Rideout with 6 points and Christina Natola added in the other bucket. Megan McMahon and

Katelyn Musto played shutdown defense the final minute of the game. Temple had balanced scoring, two players each having a basket. Mackenzie Casey had one of the baskets while Katie Blair added in the other. Katie Rohleder and Vanessa D'Angelo were outstanding on the glass.

St. Joe's 27, Fordham 26

This was the best game on Saturday, literally going down to the final seconds. Each team had a 13-point scorer as well as an 8-point scorer. At halftime, the deficit was a single point - that is how good and intense of a game this was. The victors were lead by Victoria McDermott and Christina Woods. Those two were one of the 13 and 8-point scorers I was talking about. Mary Lesperance and Nicole Rosania were key down the stretch to maintain this victory. Fordham was lead by Hailey Liston and Katelyn Fisher. These two had the other 13 and 8 point set. Montana Howlett added in 5 points. Madelyn Messina did what she could to try and pull out the victory for Fordham.

G. Washington 26, St. Louis 6

Samantha DeMonico and Erica Pudvelis did the damage for G. Washington with 10 and 8 points respectively. Tori Bruce and Lindsey Donohue were extremely energetic throughout the entire contest. St. Louis had a three-headed monster who each had a bucket. Shannon Sullivan, Meghan Rodenhiser, and Lily Keating were the culprits here. Eva Nesline always made sure her team was positive and up beat the entire game.

Duquesne 17, LaSalle 14

Doing damage for Duquesne was Kristin Brown with 9 points and Bridget Sullivan with 8 points. Ashley Warren and Heather Hayes were key down the stretch to stop LaSalle from winning this game. The Explorers were lead by Courtney MacDonald who had a game high of 10 points. Julia Gaffey and Francesca Barone each added in a bucket. The Colombo combination of Katie and Samantha played awesome defense down the stretch to keep this game as close as it turned out.

Atlantic Coast -

Girls Grades 5&6

Virginia 20, Virginia Tech 14 Presley Silva, Virginia's prolific scorer, led the way once again with 10 points in a nice win over Virginia Tech. Shana Butler, Brianna Tavares and Heather Benson all contributed 2 points each while Lexi Tamburello had 4. Courtney Bolis and Jessica Hogan supported the scorers with excellent interior passing. Elizabeth Dullea and Danielle Gianatassio intimidated Virginia Tech with their aggressive defense play under the basket.

In a valiant offensive effort, Sara Cokash poured in 10 points and Kristina Nicoli had 4 as the tandem accounted for all of Virginia Tech's scoring. Jacqueline Cote and Lauren Natale played with tremendous determination and hustle up and down the floor. Veronica Reidy made some nice plays on defense to stop Virginia at critical points in the game.

Duke 24, Miami 22

Cassandra Grasso's play at the power forward position resulted in top-scoring honors (11 points) and Duke triumphing over Miami in a tightly contested game on Saturday. Kaitlyn Curley (8 points), Sara Rakers (3 points), and Nicole McInerney (2 points) complimented Grasso's efforts nicely. Emily Choi and Marina Otis supported the offense with hustle and heads up play all game. Erin Berube and Johanna Marden worked tirelessly on defense to keep Miami away from Duke's basket.

Amanda Richards threw in 11 points in a strong offensive effort for Miami. Melissa Furlong, Meghan Carney and Hannah Brown had 2 points each as they played tenaciously on both ends of the floor. Lauren Amazeen had 4 points and Kristen Connors chipped in 1 point to round out the scoring for Miami. Kendra Scott presence under the defensive boards was key in keeping this game close.

Clemson

Shreya Pai was unstoppable on the offensive end of the floor scoring 18 points as Clemson won over Maryland. Emily Bamberg and Rachael Cormier also scored in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Brittany Abbott (8 points) made baskets from both short and long range. Savannah Sullivan rounded out the scoring with a basket. Danielle McNally, Bridget Cadogan and Michaela Rodenhiser prevented Maryland from putting points on the scoreboard with their excellent defense throughout the game.

Maryland's Caroline Johnston scored 5 points to lead her team and Victoria Ferreira added 2 points in a solid performance. Jillian Doyle, Samantha MacInnis and Elizabeth Harvey's excellent conditioning came in handy as the Maryland team played the entire game with no substitutions.

Wake Forest 32, Florida St. 16

Hannah Reynolds's dominant play inside (18 points) resulted in Wake Forest pulling away in the second half to win over Florida St. on Saturday. There was only a 2 point differential at half time but the Wake Forest defense led by Rael Gallucci, Hannah Griffin and Caitlin Baranow shut down all avenues to the basket making it all but impossible for Florida St. to score. Strong defense along with 6 points from Julie Welch, 4 points from Nicole Potcner and 4 points from Michaela Ouellette helped seal the win.

Caroline Newhouse (10 points) and Caitlin Parrott (6 points) teamed up to score 16 points on Florida St.'s behalf. Emma Gaudreau, Rachel Cummings and Lauren Borsetti rebounded ferociously on the offensive boards to give their team many second shot opportunities. Erica Lloyd, Danielle Reynolds and Shannon Moulton worked tirelessly on defense throughout the game to prevent Wake Forest's dribble penetration to the basket.

Georgia Tech 26, North Carolina 15

Kimberly Donoghue's dominating inside play resulted in

her scoring 16 points and Georgia Tech adding another victory to their win column. The remaining offensive production in the win over North Carolina came from Taylor Perella (8 points) and Krista Tedesco (2 points). Lianna Natola, and Rachel Alatalo showcased their dribbling skills and passing abilities that led to many easy Georgia Tech baskets. Brianna Perrino and Samantha DePasquale complimented both the offense and the defense with their unselfish play.

Sara Ennis ignited the crowd with a 3-point shot early in the game for North Carolina. Ennis ended up as high scorer for North Carolina with 7 points and Lauren DePasquale had 4 points. Lilly Day, Olivia Walsh, and Jillian Williams constantly harassed the Georgia Tech guards and made it difficult for them to pass to teammates. Madison Young, Carlee Sutura and Sara Ennis all scored down the stretch for North Carolina but their efforts fell short.

WNBA - Girls Grades 7-10

Mercury 45, Storm 28

The Mercury continue their winning ways as they came away with another win this week. Taylor Hanley was once again the leading scorer as she finished the day with 16 points. Jacqueline Kennedy was next in line as she finished with 13 points of her own. Lauren Bennett threw in 6 more, while Melissa O'Donoghue and Megan Howland each had 4 points on the day. Jana Cosman-Cyrus completed the scoring with a basket of her own. Megan Priem was the game's leading scorer as she led the Storm with 18 points. Casey Murray was next in line with 4 points, while Taylor Howlett, Lisa DiOrio, and Gabriella Perrino all contributed a basket in the game.

Comets 34, Liberty 7

The Comets were led by the duo of Randi Davis and Tara Van Vranken with 8 points apiece. Brittany Cavanaugh and Heather Briere were next in line with 6 points. Cassandra Lee, Kayla Falter, and Katelyn Richardson all contributed a basket in the victory. The Liberty never game up as they played a great overall game, but fell short points-wise. Janelle Celeste led the way with 4 points. Kelly Griffin and Bianca Carlson both contributed a deuce. Kelsey Mangan and Danielle Parisi both played with great hustle the entire game.

Sparks 19, Mystics 16

The Sparks hung on to a 3 point lead this week as they were able to walk away with an exciting victory. Kelly Duffy led the attack for the Sparks as she threw in 13 points total. Erin Duffy and Sara Pudvelis each had a deuce in this game. The final basket was scored on an own basket confusion by the Mystics. Delaney Gillis and Emily Colosimo led the attack for the Mystics with 4 points each. Kathleen Kurowski, Anna Siegel, and Lauren Sullivan rounded out the scoring with 2 points apiece. Both teams played a great game.

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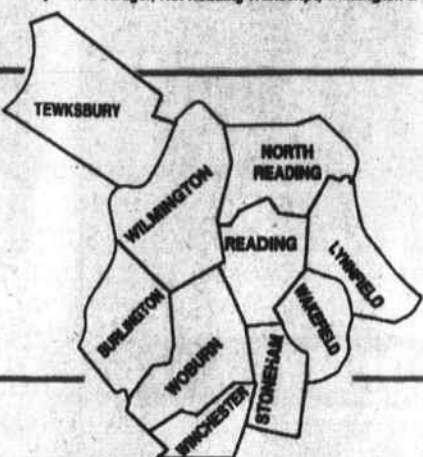
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Paul Sands: 12 knee surgeries and still coaching

5 Knees later...

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Woburn resident Paul Sands is doing an extremely good job of coaching soccer and girls' basketball and many other activities despite the fact that he once came close to losing a leg due to an infection after his first of 12 knee surgeries.

His surgeries eventually meant he had both knees replaced and one of these had to be replaced a second time. Now, 5 knees later, he's still coaching and contributing to the youths of Woburn.

As Sands tells the story, his coaching days are a result of his love of sports during his school years. He played baseball hockey and football.

"I played a lot of sports growing up" Sands said.

However, in 1967 he was playing hockey for St. Mary's of Winchester in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) League. During a game he was fouled and that started the surgeries.

"My knee started as a hockey injury," Sands said. "I was playing in the CYO League for St. Mary of Winchester, when I was tripped from behind. I tore something in the knee."

Sands lived and played with the injury until 1971 when he had his first knee surgery. He recalled there was no arthroscopic surgery in those days and the doctor had to open his knee to repair the damaged

cartilage.

All seemed fine after the operation and Sands was sent home. However, just about one week later he developed a staphylococcus infection.

Sands still bears the scar on his left knee where, as he described it, "...the knee literally blew open from the pressure of the infection."

"I went to the hospital and after the lab tests they rushed me in for a second surgery. The infection had spread from mid-thigh to mid-calf. I almost lost my leg."

Recovery from that surgery and the ensuing rehabilitation kept Sands in the hospital for almost four months.

"It was like being held together with Duct Tape* and bailing wire," he said.

Over the years since, Sands had 12 surgeries on his knee. In 1994 the doctors were able to fashion a partial knee replacement and in 2000 he had his last surgery with a full knee replacement.

According to Sands, "For the partial the doctor had to have pieces made. He was trying to buy me six to eight years."

"As with all mechanical things, it started to wear out."

He added, "It was a good six years. It allowed me to do things I liked doing. When I had the full (knee replacement) in 2000, it was like night and day."

These included activities people take for granted, such as walking and climbing stairs. It also allowed him to continue with his avocation of coaching the youth of Woburn.

Sands said, "Now they say there are things you can't do, but you do them."

According to the doctors he should not be lifting over 50 pounds. He should not be skiing.

The knee replacement will treat you as well as you treat it," Sands said. "You want to keep the legs in shape because the muscles hold the knee together."

"Soccer helps with the legs." His coaching career actually started in Arlington, where Sands grew up. He was asked to coach the team his youngest brother played on.

"I knew hockey very well so it was easy to go from the ice to the bench," Sands said.

Over the years and in between surgeries, Sands met and married his wife, Rosey (Guilli), a Woburn native. In fact when a house became available in the South Woburn neighborhood her family lives in, the couple bought it and started to raise their family.



"We were at a barbecue next door (to their present home) and I liked the house, I said to my cousin if the owner decides to sell let me know," Sands recalled.

Fate stepped in and a year and a half later the house was put up for sale. Sands and his wife were able to purchase it.

Thus the stars were in place for Sands to change from being an ice hockey coach to a soccer coach. When his son, Eric, was five years old, he wanted to play soccer. A friend asked Sands if he would let his son play in the Woburn Youth Soccer League.

Sands agreed. He was then asked if he would be an assistant coach and Sands agreed to this as well.

"I looked at the game and found it was really just hockey with a ball," Sands said. "I have been coaching soccer for the past 25 years."

As his son progressed in the game so did Sands. A senior buyer with Philips Medical Systems (formerly Hewlett Packard), he has spent the last 19 years of his soccer coaching career as a coach for Woburn High School.

He had been coaching an under 19 team (mostly college freshman) when the opportunity to coach the freshman team at Woburn High opened up. Sands interviewed with A.D. Rich Qualey and was offered the position.

"The part I like about soccer is the teaching and freshman soccer allows you to do that," Sands said. "Freshman soccer allows you to play all of the players a lot of the time."

He noted, "Out of the 15 years of coaching freshman soccer, we were league champs 12 of the 15 years."

For the past six years, Sands has been the varsity soccer coach at Woburn High. He was the assistant soccer coach in 2000 when the team won the state championship and he has seen several of his players go on to play the sport in college.

The Sands also have a daughter, Kim, and dad did not play favorites. When his daughter wanted to play basketball he found the situation to get into coaching that game as well.

It was 20 years ago when Sands was approached by Middlesex East General Manager Dick Haggerty and three others, Rocky Nelson, the Woburn high school football coach, Terry McCormack, now

5 knees later to S-4

"MR FIVE KNEES" Paul Sands relaxes in his ever familiar 'shorts' while sitting at home for this Middlesex East interview. The popular Woburn High boys soccer coach has a long history of working with and for the young people of his city. He's also a pretty darn successful coach as his boys ranked tenth in the state this past fall.

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Charlie Wilson's War"



TOM HANKS AND JULIA ROBERTS Star in "Charlie Wilson's War", in theatres now.

"CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR"

GRADE: ****

As entertaining and light-hearted as Charlie Wilson's War is (the movie is a look at how one obscure Texas congressman finagled covert funding to buy weapons for the Mujahideen in Afghanistan to fight the Soviet Union), there is an ugly gorilla in the room with you as you are laughing at the jokes.

History tells us what happened. The Afghans triumphed, driving the Red Army from their country. A few years later the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union was no more.

You can trace it all back to that booze-living congressman Charlie Wilson.

Wilson (Tom Hanks) was aided in his endeavor by Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts), a fervent anti-Communist Texas socialite, and Gust Avrakotos (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a CIA operative.

Prodded by Herring's belief that the U.S. response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was feeble, Wilson reluctantly sets out to

increase the CIA's budget for covert operations to the freedom fighters.

Despite his good ol' boy image, Wilson was an astute politician with a sharp mind and big heart.

His position on various committees allowed him to collect favors, which he used to begin, with the help of Avrakotos, to get arms to the Mujahideen through third parties in order to hide U.S. involvement in the scheme.

Hanks is again perfect, under the direction of Mike Nichols. Hanks' Wilson is comical, wise, compassionate and conniving.

Roberts is brainy, beautiful and sexy as the sixth richest woman in Texas.

It is Hoffman, though, who steals the movie. His Avrakotos is a blunt-speaking operative who is like a bull in a China shop. He does not care for social amenities. His only focus is to get the job done.

A witty script by Aaron Sorkin keeps Charlie Wilson's War moving at a rapid clip.

Back to that gorilla in the room with you. The weight of current events in Iraq and Afghanistan push at the back of your mind as you watch the

film.

The weapons that the U.S. supplied the freedom fighters are being used by those same men, now calling themselves the Taliban, to fight those who helped secure their freedom in the first place.

The movie offers a clear lesson. At the end, Wilson urges his fellow congressmen to continue funding for Afghanistan so the nation could rebuild its schools and infrastructure, but with the fighting over, the request was ignored.

History has shown us the deadly consequences of that decision.

"NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS"

GRADE: **

National Treasure: Book of Secrets is just like the first 'National Treasure' film - silly, over-the-top and sure to make a treasure-chest full of cash.

National Treasure gave us Nicolas Cage in the role of Benjamin Franklin Gates. In that film, he had to steal the Declaration of Independence because, according to family lore, it held a clue that would

lead to the riches of the Knights Templar.

In this film, he has to figure out whether a recently discovered page from John Wilkes Booth's secret diary is genuine. If it is, it casts a horrible light on Gates' entire family - that a relative helped plan the assassination of President Lincoln.

It features many of the same faces, with Gates' dad, Patrick (Jon Voight), again on hand, though he's not much help because he's too upset by the revelations in the diary. Also back are Diane Kruger as Abigail Chase, Ben Gates' would-be girlfriend; Harvey Keitel as an FBI agent; and, best of all, Justin Bartha as Riley Poole, Gates' wisecracking goofball assistant. Same stuff, different movie.

This time the bad guy is played by Ed Harris, and someone talked the great Helen Mirren into playing Emily Appleton, Ben's mother.

This franchise is all about dumb fun, and if there's more emphasis on the dumb part of the equation than the fun, it's not likely to stop audiences from flocking to this film. It's too loud not to be noticed.

Gates crisscrosses the globe, breaking into Buckingham Palace as well as the Oval Office, commits a crime so preposterous you have to admire the movie for even trying it; and winds up with a climactic action sequence that also serves as a dopey family reunion somewhere beneath Mount Rushmore.

The end result isn't all that great, but the thrill of any treasure hunt is the fun you have along the way, and this film contains a lot of it.

"I AM LEGEND"

GRADE: ***

Like 'Cast Away' was for Tom Hanks, 'I Am Legend' is Will Smith's chance to carry a movie all by himself, and he passes the test with flying colors.

The casting call is very short, essentially Will Smith and a German shepherd named Sam. Well, there are other people in the film through flashbacks, but



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essentially this is Will Smith all by his lonesome. This is the third remake of Richard Matheson's 1954 novel of the same name (the others were The Last Man on Earth (1964) with Vincent Price and The Omega Man (1971) with Charlton Heston).

Robert Neville (Smith) is a virologist, the last surviving man in New York three years after an anti-cancer cure composed of a man-made virus turned into a deadly unstoppable infectious microorganism which became airborne, killing the entire population of New York City, and, as far as he knows, the rest of the world.

He has a lab in his fortress-like apartment and he's methodically trying to find a vaccine that will cure what killed everyone. For three years, Smith has lived alone in New York City populated by wild animals (digitally inserted) and a bunch of zombies, who are called the Infected, who only come out at night. If he can find a cure, he apparently can inject it in the Infected and cure them. As it is, they are wild monsters.

Smith obviously carries the film since he's in virtual-

ly every scene and generally all by himself except for Sam. As the only person in the city, he has access to everything, all the stores, medical supplies, canned goods, everything. He can even hit golf balls off a nuclear aircraft carrier.

Smith does have a co-star in the film, though, New York City itself. Production designer Naomi Shohan dressed the city to look as it might if abandoned to nature for three years.

The intensity of this film never lets up. When a woman (Alice Braga) and young boy (Charlie Tahan) appear from out of nowhere - how they got to Manhattan defies logic - to rescue Neville, who is busy at the time mowing down the mutants on a waterfront parking lot in a Ford Explorer, the movie begins to slowly ebb away into formulaic absurdity. Word has it that there is a remaining colony of survivors in Vermont.

From that point on it becomes Neville loudly blasting away at the mutants with an automatic rifle. The ending will disappoint some. Until then, Will Smith carries the day, and the movie.

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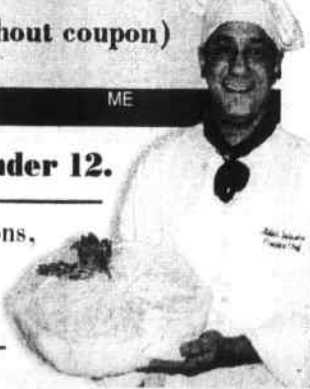
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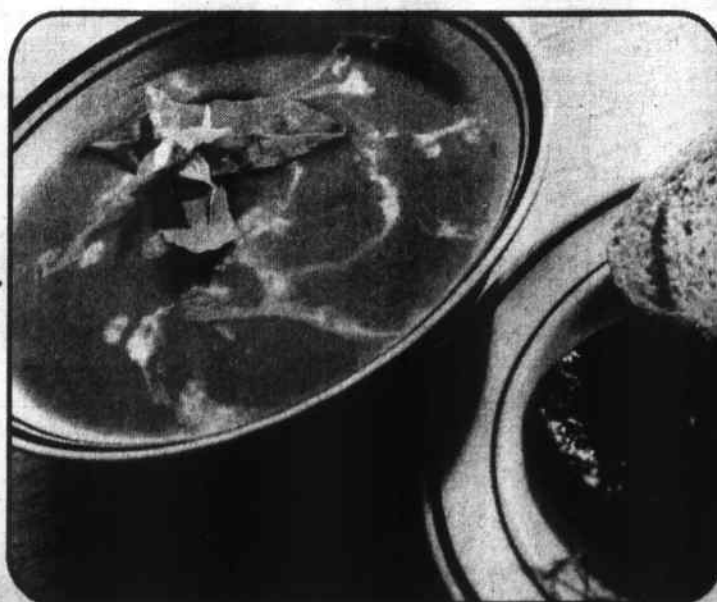
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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

***MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION:** What NFL player has the highest completion percentage in league history for non-quarterbacks with more than 15 attempts?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

***THE READING A-TEAM CHEERLEADERS** captured a silver medal at the Pop Warner National Competition at the Wide World of Sports complex at Disney Florida on Friday December 7, 2007. They faced 20 of the best teams in the nation including teams from Hawaii and Alaska. In addition to the Silver medal win, this team also took first place Championships at Middlesex League, Eastern Mass Conference and The New England Regional Cheering competitions held during the regular and play-off seasons. The girls on this team are also the proud cheerleaders for the Middlesex League and Eastern Mass Championship Midget (A) Pop Warner Football Team.

The A-Team cheerleaders competed in the Novice small category. They performed their flashy and exciting routine with parents and fans cheering them on. This team has excellent tumbling, unique stunting and an unbelievable dance! They faced tough competition from the Red Birds of Jersey and the Aztec's from Pennsylvania. All three teams performed their routines and entertained the crowd and judges. To anyone watching, it was clear that it would be close. When the dust settled, the A-Team from Reading was second, to the Red Birds by the narrow margin of .06 and the Aztecs were right behind Reading by less than a point.

The Head coach of this team is **PENNY BELMONTE**, assisted by **CORINNE SHEA, JULIE GROSSI AND ASHLEY GRIFFITH**. The team mom is **RENEE PIAZZA**. The Jr. coach and choreographer of this unbelievable routine is **JILL KENNEALLY**, a Junior at Reading Memorial High School. The girls on this Championship team are **NICOLE JUTRAS, CHELSIE RIVERS, EMILY FERGUSON, EMILIE MANNA, TALIA PIAZZA, ALISSA PIAZZA, KELSEY MCCARTHY, BECKY MATHESON, NICOLE BEAUREGARD, VICTORIA MARINO, RACHAEL COLPITTS, ERIN COOPER, ERICA CARNEGIA, KENZIE BRINGOLA, ALYNAH MACKINNON, ANNA SAMPSON AND SERENA CAMPBELL**.

*Need some help with this week's question? It's not Randy Moss.

***BOWDOIN COLLEGE SENIOR NICK FIGUEIREDO (WILMINGTON, MASS.)** has been named a First-Team All-American in selections announced by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Figueiredo, the New England Small College Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, is Bowdoin's fifth First-Team All-American.

Figueiredo finished his career as Bowdoin's all-time leader in points (88) and goals (35) became the first Polar Bear to earn NESCAC Player of the Year honors. A prolific scorer, Figueiredo paced the Polar Bears in scoring for the second-straight fall, recording 10 goals and 11 assists for a career-high 35 points. He led the conference in points and was second in goals scored. In addition, the Wilmington, Massachusetts native was able to break the program's

35-year old goal-scoring record and earn his third-straight First-Team All-NESCAC selection.

Figueiredo was also chosen as a First-Team All-New England selection, while classmate Brendan Egan was named to New England's Second-Team. Egan, a First-Team All-NESCAC choice, scored four goals this season to earn his second-straight First-Team nod.

***BENTLEY JUNIOR CAROLINE SHEEDY (READING/READING HS)** ran well at the Harvard Open women's indoor track meet at the Gordon Track. Sheedy was 13th of 45 in the 800 (2:27.48). Bentley will not compete again until the Greater Boston Track Club Invitational on Jan. 20.

***READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL** was recently honored with the prestigious Dalton Award. This award, given annually by the Boston Globe, serves to congratulate the teams with the highest overall winning percentage for all combined sports teams. Out of all of the Division 2 teams, the Rockets earned the second highest winning percentage (71.32%). Only North Andover scored higher; their 72% winning percentage barely surpassed the Rockets.

***ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** Antwan Randle El is 17-of-21 (81 percent) since 2002, with two different teams.

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

COMMON THREADS THE TIES THAT BIND

Family values in Wilmington

"Two Wilmington families sponsored four girls this summer as part of a month-long visit coordinated by the Chernobyl Children's Project USA (CCP-USA)," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"The Carbone family, of Central Street, is hosting Elena and Alina of Russia while the Briggs family, of West Street, welcomes Maria and Olga from Belarus."

"Chernobyl Children's Project USA, based in Boston, provides medical treatment and respite care for children aged eight through fourteen from the Chernobyl-affected areas of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. The Chernobyl tragedy, which occurred in 1986, is the largest peacetime radiation catastrophe that has ever occurred on this planet."

"Wilmington has been involved with the organization for the past three years. Kathy Carbone serves as the program's Community Coordinator for Wilmington. In this role, she is responsible for fundraising efforts and arranging host families for the visitors."

"The children are hosted in pairs, so that they have another person in the home that they can easily communicate with. Carbone does not speak Russian and relies on a translation book to help her communicate with the children."

"Carbone, who has four children with her husband, Tom, said things got a little more confusing when she

learned that her two sponsored children had similar names - Alina and Elena. Adding to the confusion is the fact that one of Carbone's daughters is named Elena as well."

"Elena and Alina don't speak English, so we rely on a translation book and we mime with each other," Carbone said. "My own two girls that live at home, Elena and Jackie, are age thirteen and fifteen. They try to talk with the girls but the language barrier is tough."

"Carbone indicated that all of the children are being taught English in schools back home. They are familiar with the alphabet and are able to read a bit of it, but find conversing more of a challenge...."

Crop busters in Winchester

"Revenues from the Hamilton Farm U-pick Organic Raspberry activity broke the \$19,000 mark by two dollars," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Now the town knows that the raspberries are indeed a money-maker. The experience has also been suggestive of the relationship that can develop between residents of the town and the farm and provides a prototype of how activities can work up there."

"Susan Youmans, coordinator of the U-pick activity, and Donna Wainwright, who was in charge of volunteer recruitment, reported that there had been 2,687 visits to pick raspberries by people of

all ages from Winchester and many nearby towns.

"Wainwright said that there had been both experienced and novice pickers and 'an amazing number of cultures and languages' up at the farm enjoying the experience. People arrived singly or with friends. Parents went with their kids. Adults brought their parents in wheelchairs. School children and scout troops went. Cooks, artists, photographers, and tradesmen went. Many reportedly said they want to return next year."

"An incredible level of enthusiasm and knowledge has started to crop out," Wainwright said.

"There was also a good group of volunteers involved. Forty-five people, aged 12 to about 75, volunteered, putting in 400 hours (not counting all of Youmans and Wainwright's own time) helping weigh berries, take money, wash out buckets, and answer questions."

"This has given us an idea of how many people want to be involved in a hands-on way," Youmans said...."

Walking on in Wakefield

"The Board of Selectmen were provided with a progress report from Kevin Scott on the proposed Rail-to-Trail project at their meeting," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The Rail-to-Trail Committee was created in 2004 and we have made good progress," stated Scott.

"He advised that the lease with the MBTA to abandon the railway line was underway and Selectman Al Turco confirmed that the environmental liability insurance policy was in progress."

"The Rail-to-Trail Committee held a Public Forum and the abutters raised various issues which are being addressed and the feasibility study completed by Fay Spofford and Thorndike determined that

the project was sound.

"The key now is that funding must be secured. It is possible that the Governor could include this type of project in the transportation bill and there is even a chance a special Rail-to-Trail funding bill could be created."

"It is important that the funding be made available or the project will not go forward."

"Chairman Jim Good questioned where the possibility of a by-pass road from Main Street to Water Street was considered and Scott advised that there has been a plan showing the roadway and the Rail-to-Trail in that area."

"The Rail-to-Trail Committee will prepare a draft letter and work with Town Administrator Thomas Butler to try to obtain commitments on the funding."

"Peter Scott updated the Board on the Performing Arts Center and to have the grant for \$375,000 earmarked by Senator Tisei to be signed and to have Town Counsel Thomas Mullen work with the committee to get an extension of time so the funds can be used for the project."

"Scott advised that private fundraising was ongoing and a Federal Grant had been applied for."

"The Selectmen offered their support to get the project funded and voted to officially request the Permanent Building Committee to undertake the review of the project."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net.

Calendar of Events

A Listing of Interesting Events and Happenings

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION TO MEET

The winter luncheon of the Christian Women's Connection will be held Tuesday, January 8 at the Holiday Inn, Tewksbury/Andover, 4 Highland Dr., Tewksbury 11:00 to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$16.

A special feature will be Joy Williams, RN Mass General Hospital who has a passion for people. She will present a special slide presentation.

In addition, inspirational speaker Cherry Bradford will speak on "Life is a Journey," the story of meeting challenges and overcoming them.

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RANDY KNOWLES WILL DEMONSTRATE IN OILS

Well known artist Randy Knowles will hold a demonstration in oils on Wednesday, January 9th in Reading.

Randy's paintings are traditional in approach and subject matter. His main focus is the use of light, atmosphere and perspective to create a work that draws the viewer in.

The meeting will be held in Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (middle side door) on Sanborn St. beginning at 7:30 pm.

He will demonstrate his oil painting technique using his favorite, a rural or urban street scene. During the presentation, hints for solving perspective will be touched upon as well as tricks for depicting architectural detail.

The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. **ANTJE DUVEKOT AT IVY CHORD JAN. 26**

Antje Duvokot will be the featured performer at the Ivy Chord Coffee House in Reading on Saturday, January 26 at 8:00 pm.

A terrific writer and singer, Duvokot creates a special detailed world in verse and takes you there with beautiful

and understated melody.

The Ivy Chord is located in the Unitarian Universal Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading. The ticket price is \$15 general admission, \$12 for seniors and students.

MUSIC MAGIC ON TAP BY READING SYMPHONY

The Reading Symphony Orchestra will feature Signore Alphonso in Music Magic on January 13th at 2:00 pm at the Parker Middle School in Reading.

Tickets will be available at the door and the cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Three years and under free.

STONEHAM THEATRE HAS ONE MAN COMEDY

The Stoneham Theatre will feature a one-man comedy about a mystery.

"Sherlockians will be in heaven" says one reviewer as Antoine Feval is directed by Weylin Symes.

The comedy introduces the audience to Barnaby Gibbs, played by Tom Douthrada who inadvertently becomes the Dr. Watson-like sidekick to detective Feval while not realizing that his partner is robbing the city blind.

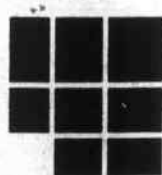
Kids performances are January 13, 20 and 27 at 2pm. Nightly performances are at 8pm from the 10th through the 27th. Call the box office for more details.

EXPLORE ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

Glacier Bay in Alaska is one of the world's most beautiful places. The Friends of the Reading Library will feature a travel presentation on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm as local adventurers Ray Tilton and Dave Delorey talk about their week-long passage with their families.

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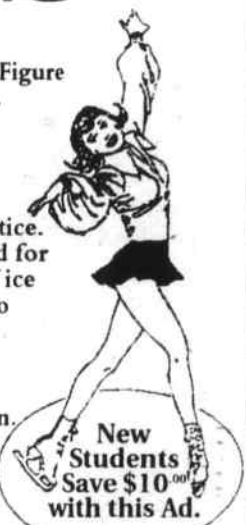
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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

GLOBAL, IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES...

Wide, wide world from Burlington

"In her report before the School Committee recently, Assistant Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction Cynthia Marchand continued to stress the department's involvement in global studies and its importance to local students," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Marchand told the school board she recently attended a workshop on the subject, describing it as 'both provocative and affirming'."

"The town was recognized last year for its curriculum work in global studies."

"Marchand has said previously that she wants to carry that on and continue to make strides in Burlington with global studies as part of the legacy of the late Katie Spinos."

"We talk about teaching in the community," Marchand told the School Committee. "Well, in reference to global studies, the 'community' is all of the countries across the sea.... We need to provide the skills to make kids successful in a global economy."

"Marchand said there is also a new world language study guide 'which provides motivation and curiosity' for students as they cover 'global perspectives'."

"Another important aspect of global studies is creativity," Marchand told the School Committee. "What we have to ask ourselves is, What sets the American student apart?"

"The assistant superintendent said that 'testing does not identify creativity,' and that she would like to continue to work to find ways to measure a student's creativity."

"We need our children to be creative, as well as to be critical thinkers," Marchand stated.

"To reach that goal, Marchand went on to say, 'We are looking toward project-based studies'."

"Also in her report, Marchand talked about the Burlington school system's 'need to stay ahead in technology'."

"That applies to the staff as well as the students, the assistant superintendent went on to say, as technology also plays a key role in professional development."

"We will work to make sure all of our children are competitive," Marchand said."

Numbers up in Lynnfield

"School enrollment has reached a 27 year high following an upward trend which began in 1991 and should continue over the next several years," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"This year, Lynnfield Public Schools have enrolled 2,280 students, 42 more students than last year."

"Lynnfield High School saw the largest increase in its student population this year with enrollment jumping 34 students after absorbing a 186 member freshman class. The school also features 172 sophomores, 148 juniors and 158 seniors."

"The first day of school traffic caused a high amount of congestion in front of the school as parents waited to pick up their children. High School Principal Robert Hassett believed the issues were caused by the large size of the incoming class. To control the flow of traffic, police officers were present. Hassett said this was the usual case at the start of each year."

"The Middle School had the next largest increase, adding 12 students to its roster to reach 717. Spurring the increase was the introduction of a large fifth grade class of 189 students, the second largest class in the school district, next to the current seventh grade which holds 190. Currently 172 students are members of the sixth grade class and 166 in eighth."

"At the elementary level, the Huckleberry Hill School is the only school in the district to see its enrollment fall this year, dropping to 413. Last year, Huckleberry Hill had been one of the gainers."

Notes to S-6



On November 24th, Colonial Manor Realty, its owners and staff, opened their doors to "Crafts at the Manor," a fundraiser to benefit the Reading Food Pantry. Vendors displaying their various talents and wares were set up throughout the beautiful offices of Colonial Manor Realty, where the public was invited to come and shop for unique gifts for the holiday season.

Each vendor contributed to the fundraising efforts by paying a display fee, donations were requested of the attendees and a spirited raffle was offered...all adding together to raise \$1,278.00 for the Reading Food Pantry. Food vouchers, purchased at the new Reading Stop 'n' Shop with these funds, will be distributed by the Pantry to the ever-increasing number of needy families and individuals so that perishable items can be purchased.

"Crafts at the Manor" organizer Dianne Russo of Belleflower Designs said "I would like to thank Rick Nazzaro and Bobbie Botticelli, owners of Colonial Manor Realty, and all of their associates and staff, for providing a magnificent backdrop for this festive event, where local artisans were able to display their goods while doing good for the community. The Reading Food Pantry provides a wonderful service to local families, all of whom are our neighbors. We were so pleased to be able to raise \$1,278.00 from just this single event."

Special thanks to all vendors, including The Chocolate Truffle; quilted

bags by Janice Bye; florals by Joseph Botticelli; handcrafted cards by Judi Kramer; Bobbie Botticelli, and Linda Peckham; custom tees by Julie Kramer; scrapbooking by Kim Torra; scarves by Lisa Engelbrecht; beaded jewelry by Maria Murphy; fine arts by Pam Fiske; silver jewelry by Steve McCrory; handbags by Susan Stelluto; handpainted items by Tiffany Bradlee Designs; and beaded jewelry by Dianne Russo of Belleflower Designs. Additional thanks go out to The Cupcake Boutique of Andover for their donation of custom cupcakes, which were given to each attendee making a \$5.00 donation.

According to Nazzaro, "The smashing success of the Raffle Table is due to the generosity of the following donors: Calareso's, Gregory's Deli, Flowers by Botticelli, Pam Fiske, Steve McCrory, Rotary, Christopher's Restaurant, Robert Jason Salon, North Shore Music Theater, Lisa Roderick of Chase Bank and Tiffany Bradlee."

The donation of time was valuable to the success of this event as well. Special thanks to Joe Carroll, director of traffic and parking, C. R. Signs, the Reading Chronicle, Alex Damore, Martha Nazzaro, Mike Giglio, Rose Nazzaro, Gina Botticelli-Amico, Alicia Botticelli-Tarasuk, Paula Carroll, Lou D'Angelo, Michele, DeAngelo, Diane Giglio, Judi Kramer, Annette Marchant, John Russo, Nick Russo, Alex Russo and Myrna Tichenor."

Paul Sands...5 knees later

From S-1

a member of the Woburn Recreation Commission, and George Fowle, to help form the Woburn Junior and Senior Girls Basketball League. At the time it was just for seventh and eighth grade students and it has now grown to include teams for third and fourth grades and fifth and sixth grades.

"There are three different leagues we've created," Sands said. "We started with four teams and we had two hours of gym time at 4:30 on a Saturday afternoon."

Haggerty and Sands are the only two original founders left in the program. However, Sands credits many people with helping to keep the league going, including former girls' high school coach Bill Cantillon, Jack King and Bill Callahan.

For Sands, the coaching is starting to come full circle. Son Eric is now his assistant coach and he has two grandchildren playing in the Woburn Youth Soccer League.

"As far as soccer goes, I have a great time every year," Sands said. "I have been so fortunate with the kids. I have had not only great athletes but great

individuals.

"It is really good to see some of the kids you've had through the years come back and be coaches themselves and then see the kids they have start to play."

As part of his coaching career, Sands spent five years as the president of the Woburn Youth Soccer League. During that period it grew from about 650 to 700 kids, to close to 1,400 participants.

"There were some terrific individuals on the Board of Directors who had some terrific ideas," Sands said. "All of them had the goal of just teaching the kids how to play."

And all this after 12 knee surgeries and 5 knees and he's still going strong. He is famous for wearing shorts all year long, regardless of the temperature. He is also very popular with other Middlesex League coaches and players and somehow finds time to be a huge contributor to the Woburn Boys and Girls Club.

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The National Heart Foundation reports that patients who took low-dose aspirin had not only a 26 percent reduction in the risk of a non-fatal heart attack, but they also saw a 25 percent reduction in the risk of a stroke and a 13 percent reduction in the risk of death compared to similar patients who didn't take aspirin.

A daily low-dose aspirin therapy is commonly prescribed to adults to prevent heart attack and stroke and help improve blood flow to the heart.

Aspirin may also be effective in preventing cancer, Alzheimer's Disease and deep-vein thrombosis.

Evidence is growing that shows aspirin can slow the progression of colon cancer, and preliminary data suggests that regular aspirin use may prevent certain cancers from occurring in the first place.

Population-based studies report that an aspirin a day will either slow the progression of or even prevent dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

A recent study revealed that taking a low-dose aspirin before traveling may reduce the potential for DVT or blood clots in the legs.

There's also evidence that aspirin may keep gall bladders healthy while also guarding against severe periodontal disease by protecting fibers and ligaments around the teeth.

Taking aspirin is easier than ever. One of the latest advancements involves a no-swallow tablet that dissolves in the mouth, thus reducing the risk of ulcers and gastrointestinal bleeding.

Known as Fasprin, this flavored, sugar-free aspirin enters the blood stream in just three to five minutes, which is up to ten times faster than conventional aspirin tablets.

A quick-dissolving form of aspirin makes taking a daily dose less of a chore, especially for older adults.

If you think that taking an aspirin a day may be beneficial to your health, discuss aspirin therapy with your doctor.



What to know about cataracts

As the aging process runs its course, it's expected the body will go through certain changes. A slower metabolism, a reduction in stamina and a few extra pounds are some of the experiences of aging.

Another frequent development as people grow older is a loss of vision. According to the National Eye Institute (NEI), by the age of 80 more than half of all Americans either have a cataract or have had cataract surgery. Such figures illustrate the importance of understanding cataracts and what, if anything, can be done to avoid being another number among the cataract-having masses.

What Are Cataracts?

A cataract is a clouding of the lens that can impair a person's vision. This impairment occurs because the lens helps to focus light on the retina, which needs a clear lens in order to receive a sharp image. If the lens isn't clear (as is the case when a person has a cataract), the image received by the retina will be blurred. Though cataracts cannot be spread from one eye to the other, they can occur in both eyes.

Aren't Cataracts Solely a Concern for the Elderly?

While the majority of people with cataracts are elderly, that doesn't mean younger people, and even babies, cannot be stricken with a cataract. That's because cataracts come in different forms.

- Age-related cataracts: These are the cataracts most people instantly think of. They develop as a result of aging.

- Traumatic cataracts: Anytime a person injures an eye, there's the possibility that a traumatic cataract will develop. What's more, these types of cataracts aren't on a timetable and can develop years after the trauma occurred.

- Congenital cataracts: These can occur in infants or even older

children and typically occur in both eyes. Sometimes, they go unnoticed because they do not affect vision. When they do affect vision, lens removal might be necessary.

- Secondary cataracts: These are often the result of another disease, such as diabetes, or another eye problem, like glaucoma. Overexposure to ultraviolet light can also cause cataracts. The NEI notes that secondary cataracts have been linked to steroid use as well.

How Do I Know If I Have a Cataract?

Just because you have a cataract doesn't mean you know it. That's because cataracts develop slowly and the symptoms are not overwhelming. Some of the more common symptoms include:

- blurry vision
- excess glare, making certain forms of light, such as headlights, lamps or sunlight, appear too bright
- difficulty driving at night because of oncoming headlights
- double vision, a symptom that might clear as the cataract continues to develop
- fading of colors

What Can Be Done to Prevent Cataracts?

Prevention of cataracts can be difficult because there is no concrete cause. However, certain behaviors have been linked to cataracts, and therefore avoiding those behaviors can lessen a person's risk. According to the NEI, smoking and alcohol use are risk factors for cataracts. In addition, researchers believe diabetes and cataracts are linked.

The good thing about these risk factors is that they can be controlled. People who don't have diabetes should eat healthfully (a diet that includes green, leafy vegetables and fruit) and exercise, while all people should avoid smoking and drinking alcohol in excess. It's also good to have a yearly eye exam, particularly for middle-aged adults and those older. People with a history of eye problems or who have experienced eye trauma in the past should also have yearly exams, regardless of age. NEI recommends people over the age of 60 should get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once every two years.

Another way to prevent the onset of cataracts is to keep eyes protected from the sun at all times. Since prolonged exposure to sunlight is a risk factor for cataracts, be sure to wear sunglasses whenever going out in the sun. For those with glasses, consider clip-on prescription lenses that attach directly to the lenses of eyeglasses.

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One fact that the study, published by the Women's Health Initiative, got right was that the government's recommended daily dosage is necessary to receive the benefits associated with calcium consumption and supplementation.

Yet more than half of the study participants did not adhere to the recommended calcium supplementation, making improvements in bone density a nearly impossible result. Meanwhile, those that did comply experienced a whopping 29 percent lower risk of hip fractures.

Americans, both young and old, are failing to meet requirements and the incidence of osteoporosis is climbing. During adolescent and teenage years, when 45 percent of bone mass is formed, meeting calcium requirements is essential.

According to the Journal of Pediatrics, however, only ten percent of teenage girls and thirty percent of teenage boys are meeting adequate calcium intake, which places them at serious risk for stunted growth, bone disease and eventually, osteoporosis.

Calcium is available through dairy products and green, leafy vegetables - yet incorporating adequate amounts into a modern hectic lifestyle, regardless of age, is often unrealistic. Calcium-fortified foods and supplements, however, can fill the gap.

"It's very important that people do take a supplement if they're not getting enough calcium in their diet," said Nicholina Galinsky, R.N. "Unfortunately, most of us are not aware that we have osteoporosis until we break a bone."

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Calendar of Events

From S-3

native Tlingit villages and show slides highlighting the incredible scenery.

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DRUMLIN FARM COMES TO TOT SHABBAT

The Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary will visit Temple Shalom Emeth in Burlington on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 am, with its well known interactive outreach program.

A teacher from Mass Audubon will bring the 'farm' to Burlington asking, "Which came first, the chicken or the eggs?"

The children will learn about life cycles and take a careful look at chickens and their eggs.

The monthly Tot Shabbat services are geared toward families with children age six and under. Participants do not need to register in advance. The morning is free of charge but you are asked to bring a kid-friendly treat to share.

The temple is located at 16 Lexington St in Burlington and is a reform synagogue. For additional info call 781-272-2351 or on line at uahc.org/ma/tse.

MELROSE AARP MEETING ON JANUARY 11TH

The Melrose AARP will hold its first meeting of the new year on January 11th at the Melrose Senior Center, 201 West Foster St. Starting time is 1:30 p.m.

Dues are \$5.00 for the year. A cash raffle will take place after the customary business meeting.

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A CAPELLA GROUP IN NORTH READING

What better way to start off the New Year than to listen to the talented group of a capella singers Henry Fonda and the Falsettos. They will be singing Friday, January 4 at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park Street, North Reading.

This is a return engagement for the college students, who sing under the direction of Dave Grossman of North Reading. Their repertoire varies, but often includes songs by Santana, Guster and Marc Broussard.

The concert is free and open

to the public. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library in the "Friends Expanding Horizons" series.

For further information, please call the library at 978-644-4942.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

There is a wonderful American Sign Language program at Grace Chapel on Tuesday evenings at the Adult Learning Center, 2 Militia Drive, Lexington.

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CLASSICAL SINGERS HOLD REHEARSALS

The New England Classical Singers, directed by David Hodgkins, will begin auditions for all experienced singers in January, primarily for tenor, bass and soprano voices.

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NOTES FROM S-4

with enrollment surging past 400 to 424.

"Huckleberry features 67 kindergarten students, 86 first graders, 87 second graders, 79 third graders and 94 fourth graders.

"The School Department's other elementary school, Summer Street, did not have the luxury of declining enrollment. Now up to 486, Summer Street gained seven students this year...."

Return to 'normalcy' for Stoneham

"The town's School Committee inked a new three year deal with the Stoneham Teacher's Union (STA) that doles out an eight percent salary increase in exchange for a small health insurance give-back," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"After the 200 plus person union, the largest within the municipality, ratified the contract last week, the School Committee also penned their name to the

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deal during its meeting....

"In exchange for the cost of living increase, the STA membership agreed to foot an additional two percent of their health insurance expenses. That means that the town will now pay 83 percent of teachers' medical bills, while the employees cover the remaining 17 percent of the coverage costs."

"Town Administrator David Ragucci, who believes that two percent give-back didn't go far enough, opposes the new collective bargaining agreement during the School Committee meeting this Monday night."

"STA President Marlene

McArdle, who admits to being nervous about how rank-and-file teachers would respond last week to the potential deal, heralded the cooperation of the School Committee, as well as Supt. Dr. Les Olson and Asst. Supt. Anne Patriquin, for putting a reasonable proposal on the table.

"According to McArdle, although teachers were hoping for a little more in the agreement, she's happy that the 18 month negotiation impasse has been broken."

"We were very pleased that it was ratified," said McArdle, who welcomed a return to normalcy within the district...."

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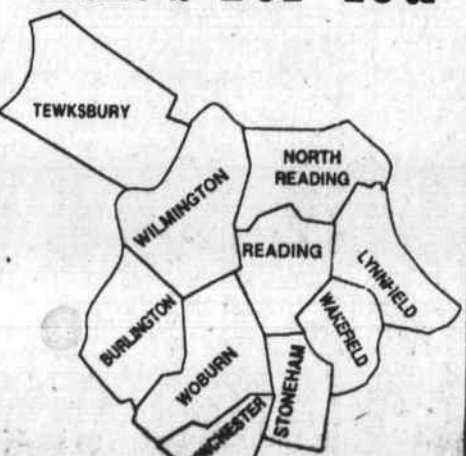
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CAMBRIDGE STREET was sold to Kanglin Wang by NRLL East LLC for \$19,250.

2 CRESTHAVEN DRIVE was sold to Kerry Normandin and Kevin McConnell by Paul Alexander for \$320,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

12 BLUEJAY ROAD was sold to Daniel Zenga by Kimberly and Barry Silverman for \$230,000.

173 LOCKSLEY ROAD was sold to Robert and Julie Fadel by Paul and Marianne Mastrangelo for \$783,000.

-NORTH READING-

2 AGATHA WAY was sold to Amit Subramani by Monica Puri by North 5 LLC for \$750,000.

7 CHARLES STREET was sold to Douglas and Dale Halchak by Marianne and Christopher Gasbarro for \$390,000.

57 OAKDALE ROAD was sold to Chris Schena and Donald Schemack by Chris Schena and Donald Schemack for \$75,000.

6 VIRGINIA ROAD was sold to Robert and Matthew Nekroski by Deobrah Hartery and Deborah Perry for \$345,000.

-READING-

EATON STREET was sold to D&W Eaton Street RT and Dorothy Zanni by Dulong Margot E Est and Dulong Mildred L Est for \$250,000.

KYLIE DRIVE was sold to Paula and Mark Anzalone by Deer Run Dev Inc for \$340,000.

20 WHITE OAKS LANE #20 was sold to Lisa Campisi by Johnson Woods Rlty Corp for \$699,000.

-STONEHAM-

12 CELESTINE TERRACE was sold to Cynthia Sfeir and Youssef Habbouche by Kreder RT and Natasha Kreder for \$387,000.

100 ELM STREET was sold to HSBC Bank USA NA by Nilmini Perera and HSBC Bank US for \$418,050.

14 ELM STREET was sold to John Casavant by Jacqueline Leblanc for \$272,000.

7 FELSPA ROAD was sold to Paul Mansolilli, by Carol and Richard Delrossi for \$400,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

203 APACHE WAY #203 was sold to Robert Erbetta by Luisa Erbetta for \$220,000.

42 DECAROLIS DRIVE #42 was sold to Paul Branche by Michele Lauren Bentley and Paul Robert Bentley for \$225,000.

18 FERNCROFT ROAD was sold to John Michalides by Rita Gorman RET and Michael Gorman for \$295,000.

170 LANCASTER DRIVE was sold to Walter and Meghan Jop by Monica and Keith Hayes for \$410,000.

37 MARIE STREET was sold to William Santoro by Joseph Santoro for \$180,000.

40 PRIMROSE CIRCLE was sold to Diane Jouvelis and John Hurley by Karen Marsh and Karen Pelletier for \$286,500.

33 RANDOLPH DRIVE #33 was sold to Amy Marinelli by

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-WAKEFIELD-

7 BALLISTER STREET #515 was sold to Timothy S. and Timothy C. Evans by Wakefield Crossing LLC for \$315,000.

12 GRANDVIEW AVENUE was sold to Jennifer and Gregory Moon by William and Roxanna Covalucci for \$570,000.

64 HARRISON AVENUE was sold to Raymond and Dawn Jones by Paige and Andrew Fantasia for \$610,000.

16 LAFAYETTE STREET was sold to Paragon Relocation Inc for \$515,000.

858 MAIN STREET #1 was sold to Saxon Mortgage Svcs Inc by Hillary Rogers and Saxon Mortgage Svcs Inc for \$382,500.

20 NEWELL ROAD was sold to Kreder RT and Natasha Kreder by Mark and Jean Taylor for \$570,000.

410 SALEM STREET #807 was sold to Joseph Badolato by HP Partners LLC for \$375,000.

25 STARK AVENUE was sold to Nicole and Craig Jennings

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-WILMINGTON-

195 SALEM STREET #44 was sold to Marjorie Knox by Wilming Whisper Pines for \$145,000.

40 SWAIN ROAD was sold to Ursula and Bryan Ferrer by Paul and Catherine Sasso for \$285,000.

-WINCHESTER-

49 CANAL STREET was sold to Tara and Michael O'Meara by Kyle and Kathryn Salvati for \$815,000.

23 JAMES STREET was sold to Arthur Sabbag by 23 James Street RT and Rosemary Stamm for \$357,000.

9 LLOYD STREET was sold to Michael and Elizabeth Khal-fayan, by Johanna and Warren Phillips-Clark for \$645,000.

11 WICKHAM ROAD was sold to 11 Wickman Road RT and Ronald Roy by Mackenzie Marian Est and Susan Johnson for \$580,000.

-WOBBURN-

There are no real estate transactions to report this week in Woburn.

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